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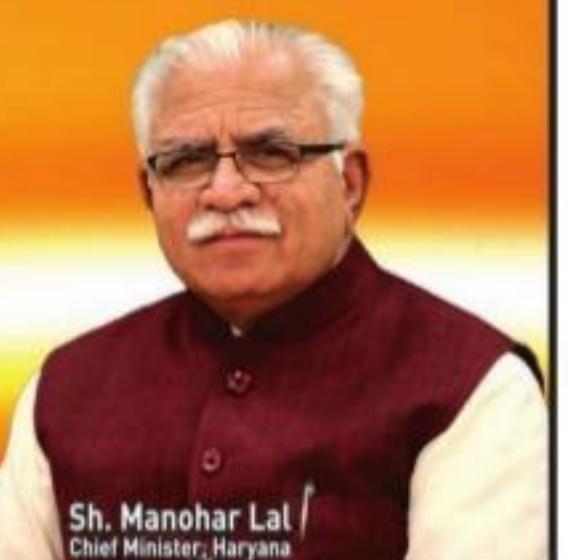
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**PM invokes**  
9/11 to call for  
strong action  
against terror  
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**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11

**HITTING OUT** at Pakistan without naming it, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Wednesday said that India is capable of tackling the challenge of terrorism but the world needs to take "strong action" against those who "promote" terror and "provide protection and training" to terrorists.

Addressing a gathering in Mathura to launch an animal disease control programme and a cleanliness initiative, the Prime Minister also called for a ban on single-use plastic and took a dig at critics who get "rattled" by words like "Om" and "cow".

Referring to the 9/11 attack as one that "shook" the world, Modi said: "Today, terrorism has become an ideology, which is not restricted by any boundaries. It has become a global problem whose strong roots are being nurtured in our neighbourhood. The entire world needs to take a resolution, to take strong action against those who promote this ideology and provide protection

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**350 OPERATIONS IN GULMARG, ARMY SAID ON SEPT 4**

**Militant build-up across LoC & border; many attempts to infiltrate: J&K Police**

Lashkar militant accused of targeting fruit-grower killed in Sopore: DGP

**ADIL AKHZER**  
& BASHAARAT MASOOD  
SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 11

ANNOUNCING THAT a Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT) militant involved in a recent attack on a fruit merchant's home in Sopore was gunned down in an encounter, Jammu and Kashmir DGP Dilbag Singh said Wednesday that there were "many reports" of cross-border infiltration which police were trying to verify.

"Yes, there have been many reports of infiltration being attempted in certain areas, Rajouri and Poonch they tried, Gurez they tried, Kamah and Keran they tried, Gulmarg sector they tried... there are reports... there is no denying the fact... and we are trying to confirm them," Singh said at a press conference in Srinagar.

"But with the kind of activity across the Line of Control or IB (International Border), where a largescale build-up is seen,

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largescale militants are brought to the launching pads, certainly those kinds of attempts are being made."

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CLEAR OF J&K, TELLS  
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Raees and Ghulam, relatives of Kashmiri prisoners at the Agra Central Jail. Gajendra Yadav

**Nearly 300 from Valley detained in UP jails: Separate barracks, families wait**

**AMIL BHATNAGAR**  
AGRA, SEPTEMBER 11

LAST FRIDAY, Pulwama resident Ghulam reached Agra to meet his son, a 35-year-old preacher who has been lodged in the

Central Jail since the first week of August. But the long journey via Srinagar and New Delhi ended in disappointment for Ghulam, who says he did not have a verification letter from J&K Police that the jail officials wanted.

Ghulam's son is among 285 persons who have been arrested from the Kashmir Valley and detained in UP — 85 in Agra alone — after the central government scrapped J&K's special status under Article 370 on August 5. The

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**Site decided, Govt clears mega solar project in Leh and Kargil**

**PRABHA RAGHAVAN**  
& ANIL SASI  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11

THE DECKS have been cleared for a Rs 50,000 crore grid-connected solar photo-voltaic project spread across Leh and Kargil districts — the single biggest investment proposal in the region since Ladakh was designated as a Union Territory.

Union Power Minister RK Singh told *The Indian Express* that the Centre has finalised the sites for the solar project, along-

side the implementation details of a crucial transmission link to ensure the viability of the project. Pang, about 117 km from Leh, has been finalised as the revised site for a major chunk of the 7,500 MW solar project after an earlier proposed site ran foul of environmental norms.

Additionally, the project has been rendered viable by segmenting the crucial transmission corridor for evacuation of electricity from the overall project package, as against a combined package under a single tender that was being offered earlier.

"The site that we had earlier

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**CHINMAYANAND CASE****Day after Swami 'video', student's father says recorder taken away**

**MANISH SAHU**  
LUCKNOW, SEPTEMBER 11

A DAY after a purported video clip of BJP leader Swami Chinmayanand getting a massage from a girl surfaced on social media, the family of the Shahjahanpur law student, who has alleged that the former Union Minister raped her and sexually assaulted her for a year,

The law student had earlier

said that she had evidence against Chinmayanand in her hostel room, which was sealed. On Monday, the Special Investigation Team (SIT), set up to investigate the case, opened the hostel room, in the presence of the student and her father.

"My daughter had filmed Chinmayanand with a camera on a pair of spectacles. She had kept the spectacles in the hostel

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**Bihar encephalitis deaths: Central team says heat wave key factor in outbreak**

AES patients at a hospital in Muzaffarpur. Express file

over 40 degrees for several days at a stretch. "We know that the children played outdoors in high

heat... The combination of extreme heat, exhaustion and micro-nutritional deficiency can

be lethal," he says, calling for "more research on this triad".

AES is an umbrella term for infections that cause swelling in the brain. Muzaffarpur, Vaishali, East Champaran, Sheohar and Sitamarhi were the worst-hit districts this time, with Shri Krishna Medical College and Hospital (SKMCH), Muzaffarpur, alone recording more than 60 per cent of the casualties.

"I have been observing AES outbreaks for several years now," says Dr GS Sahni, who heads the SKMCH paediatric unit and has authored papers on the subject. "I had reservations with the litchi theory when it was postulated

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**3 BJP states move to cut new traffic fines, Gadkari defends law: 'Meant to save lives'**

**AVISHEK G DASTIDAR**  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11

WITH AT least three BJP-ruled state governments, including Gujarat, moving to water down provisions in the new and more stringent Motor Vehicles Act, and four Opposition states putting its implementation on hold, the Centre Wednesday decided to seek legal opinion on whether states can dilute provisions in which floor limits of fines are enshrined.

Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said states were well within their rights to reduce fines but they will have to "bear the consequences".

The new Motor Vehicles Act rules propose a 10-fold increase in fines for offences like traffic violations, drink driving, driving without a helmet, driving without seat belts and overloading. While the fine for drink driving has been increased to Rs 10,000 along with imprisonment up to six months, dangerous driving

attracts a fine of Rs 5,000.

"The subject is in the Concurrent list (of the Constitution). States can reduce the fines if they wish. It is not the

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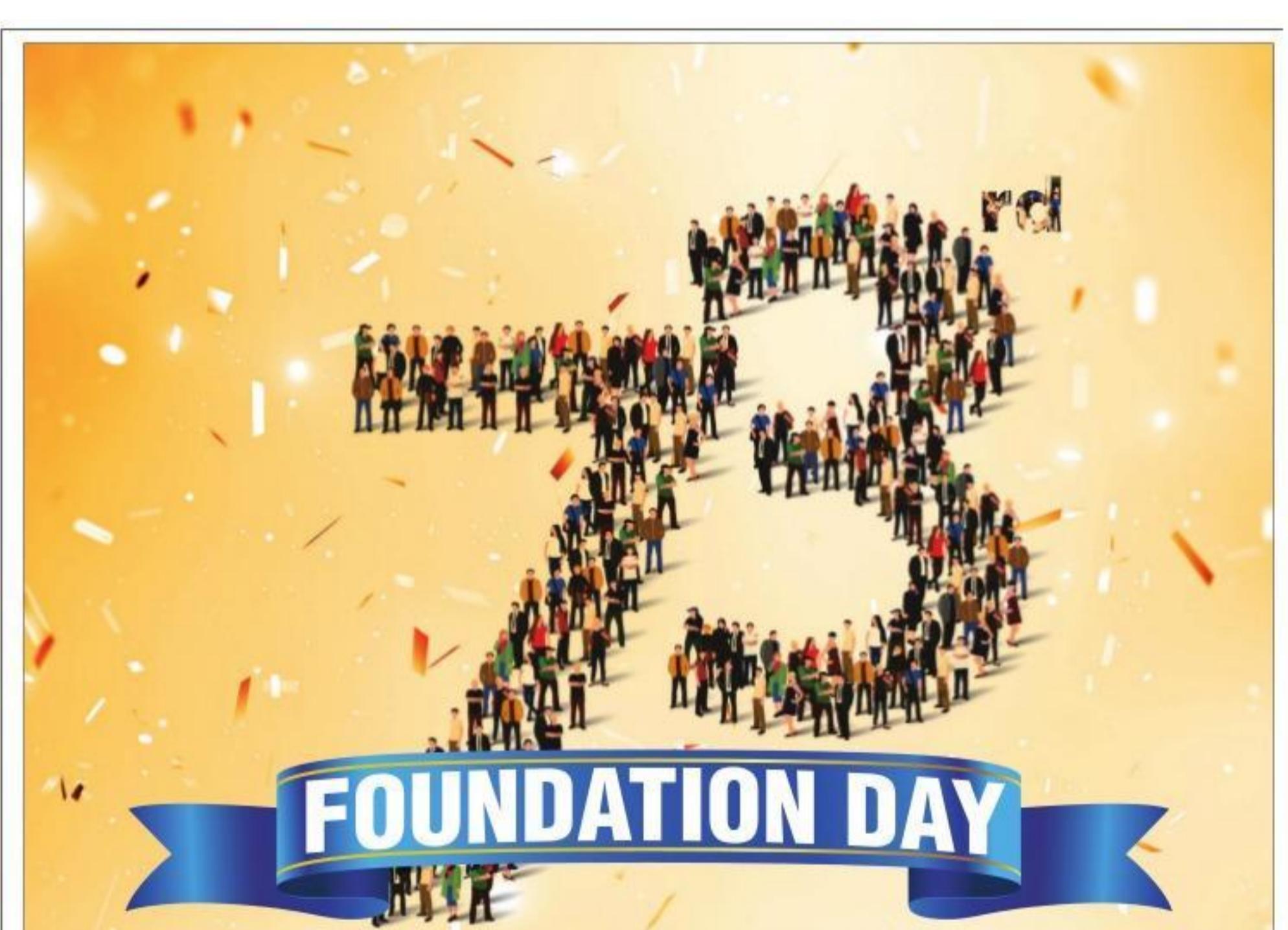
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GUJARAT'S MOVE to cut the fines has opened gates for other states too. Opposition states like West Bengal and MP have put the new fines on hold. With states sensing public backlash, the law, which took four years to clear, risks losing its sting.

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While a similar tug-of-war in the saffron alliance had been seen before the 2014 elections too, the Sena is more aggressive this year. The reason: The Shiv Sena would like to have Aaditya Thackeray, the son of party chief Uddhav Thackeray, as Chief Minister

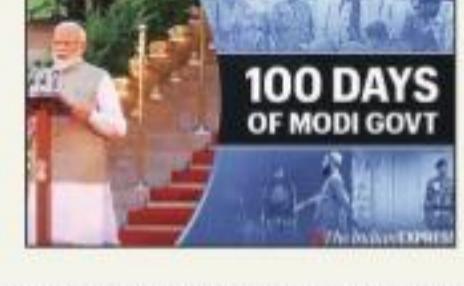
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## ILLEGAL KIDNEY TRANSPLANT CASE

## NHRC directs Odisha to suspend or cancel hospital's registration

SAMPAD PATNAIK  
BHUBANESWAR, SEPTEMBER 11

THE NATIONAL Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has directed Odisha's Chief Secretary to begin the process to suspend or cancel the registration of Apollo Hospital in Bhubaneswar "as it has breached the provisions of the said Act (Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act 1994)" during a kidney transplantation in 2013.

The NHRC also slammed the state government, stating that its authorisation committee for organ transplantation had approved or granted a no objection certificate (NOC) for transplantation of kidney from an individual Jayaram Dora to recipient Raghava Ram Dora "without verifying or conducting proper enquiry", which led to removal and transplantation of kidney from an unauthorised donor Anil Swamy.

According to 2014 Rules under the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, the authorisation committee is required to vet the integrity of the organ donation process and sanction the transplant only after a thorough inquiry.

A spokesperson for the hospital said it cannot comment on the matter as it is sub judice.

Dr P K Meherda, Commissioner-cum-Secretary of Odisha's Health Department, did not respond to requests for comment.

## Khattar announces pay hike for sanitation staff, insurance for traders

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 11

DAYS AHEAD of the announcement of election programme for Haryana Assembly polls, the state BJP government on Wednesday made almost a dozen announcements to woo different sections of society. These include traders, dairy farmers, sanitation workers, anganwari workers and those living in *dhanis* (hamlets). The government has expanded the scope of Ayushman Bharat Yojana, which provides free treatment upto Rs 5 lakh annually.

Speaking to the journalists, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said that as per their estimates, the state Assembly polls will be held before Diwali (October 27). "The government is to be formed by November 2," he said. The model code of conduct is likely to be enforced in a few days.

Khattar announced an insurance cover for small and middle level traders in case any of them suffer losses to their stocks. The insurance cover will range from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 25 lakh as per

turnover. According to the government, there are 3.13 lakh firms registered under GST in the state, which will be covered under the scheme.

Under Ayushman Bharat Yojana, free treatment will be offered to families with an annual income of upto Rs 1.8 lakh. The government also announced electricity for 16,700 families living in hamlets mainly in Hisar, Sirs and Fatehabad districts.

Salaries of sanitation workers has been increased to Rs 15,000 from the current Rs 13,500 in urban areas while it will be Rs 12,500 against the current Rs 11,000 in rural areas. There will be periodical increase in the salary of anganwadi workers.

The Haryana government has also decided to give a waiver of Rs 1,268 crore on milk cess. It has plans to introduce a 'one-time settlement' of past dues of milk cess levied on milk plants in the state. The defaulter entity may be permitted to pay the pending principal amount of milk cess due along with simple interest calculated @ 12 per cent (from the date of default) for receiving the benefits of the scheme.

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## Gadkari

government's intention to earn revenue from the fines but to save lives," Gadkari said. "But they will also have to bear the consequences as saving lives is the responsibility of the Centre as well as States."

Gadkari said that a fine of Rs 5,000 now was equivalent to what Rs 500 was 30 years ago when the Motor Vehicles Amendment Act, 1988 was passed. He also said Indians don't seem to mind strict traffic rules when they go to other countries like the US but have no regard for rules in India.

"What was the value of 500 rupees 30 years ago?" Gadkari said in an interview to NDTV. "I have seen people driving away laughing even as the traffic police keeps blowing his whistle. There should be fear and respect for the law."

Equating the spirit of deterrence in the new Act with that of "punishment for rape of a minor girl", Gadkari said that saving lives on the roads was of paramount importance.

Incidentally, the Vijay Rupani-led BJP government in Gujarat Tuesday lowered fines by upto 90 per cent and the BJP-ruled Uttarakhand government reduced penalties under the new law. And while the Karnataka government will approach the Centre for permission to reduce the penalties, Opposition-ruled states like Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal and Punjab put the new rules on hold.

## Ladakh

selected (Nyoma, 250 km from Leh) turned out to have some wildlife, so there were some environmental clearance issues. So we've selected another site – Pang. Now, transmission is an issue. (So), we are segregating the transmission from Pang to... Manali, and from Manali onwards to Kaithal. We're thinking of doing this as a part of our network expansion. Once we (do), that'll become viable, otherwise the transmission costs were making it unviable," Singh said.

The Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd (SECI) – a company under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy – had issued a Request for Selection earlier this year for the development of the grid-connected solar power project spread across Leh and Kargil. The total capacity of 7,500 MW was, at that time, divided into three packages of 2,500 MW each.

The first package was to be set up in the areas tentatively identified in Zanskar sub-division and Taisur block of Kargil district while the remaining two packages were to be developed at Hanley Khaldo area of Nyoma sub-division in Leh district, which has now been changed to Pang.

The scope of work would comprise the setting-up of the solar PV projects. The implementation of the entire power evacuation infrastructure (substations along with transmission lines), till the drawl point (tentatively planned to be located in New Wanpoh), which was originally envisaged as part of the single package, would now be executed separately.

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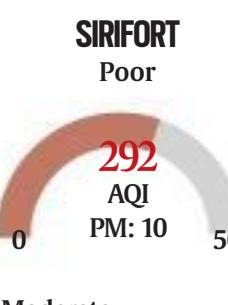
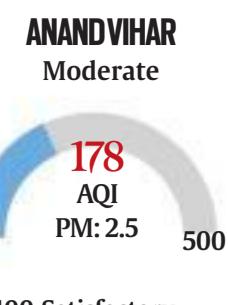
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STILL NO OPTION FOR ON-THE-SPOT PAYMENT

# No plan to dilute MV Act and reduce road fines, says Transport Minister

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11

Gahlot at Wednesday's press conference

THE DELHI government is "not mulling to dilute" penalties for offences under the Motor Vehicles Amendment Act 2019, as they are meant to ensure road safety, Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot said Wednesday.

The government will take a call on reducing the rates only when it is convinced that such a step is required, Gahlot told a press conference.

However, he did not commit to any timeline by which the Delhi government plans to notify the compoundable offences under the Act to enable on-the-

The amended MV Act came into force on September 1. It is learnt that the Delhi Transport Department had recommended to the minister immediately after the law came into effect that Delhi should stick to the compoundable rates fixed by the Centre.

Gahlot said that under the amended motor vehicle law, states have discretionary powers to revise the rates of 26 types of compoundable offences. Penalties have gone up in cases of 63 violations under the law.

Asked about the Gujarat government's decision to slash penalties, Gahlot said the Delhi government is not mulling to dilute them, since the stringent measures are meant to ensure road safety.

through any notification in this regard so far.

"We are consulting the public, officials, stakeholders. This issue is essentially connected to road safety. We are taking feedback from all concerned. Though the state governments have certain discretionary powers to ease the penalties with respect to certain offences as per the new MV Act, as of now the Delhi government is not mulling to dilute them, since the stringent measures are meant to ensure road safety.

"We are closely observing the initiatives by other states as well as consulting with various stakeholders. At any stage, if the Delhi government is convinced to re-

duce the penalties for certain offences, we shall do the needful," Gahlot said.

After the Act was implemented, sources in the Delhi government had indicated that it was open to revising the rates. It had pointed out that when the MV Act was last amended in the late 1980s, the city government had gradually, in several phases, made the transition to the new compoundable rates.

Section 200 of the amended MV Act empowers states to issue a gazette notification for compounding of certain offences, while also specifying the ranks of the officers empowered to challan various types of violations.

With the penalty for not having a valid PUC certificate rising to Rs 10,000 from Rs 1,000 under the amended Motor Vehicles Act, vehicle owners have been rushing to the centres in large numbers, leading to long queues and

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TO TACKLE the "three-fold" increase in applications at the capital's pollution-checking centres, the Delhi government has made pollution-checking services available at 37 bus depots and five terminals of the Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC).

As per official data, from an average of 15,000 applications per day, the number of applications has risen to 45,000. There are 941 PUC (pollution under control) centres in Delhi.

technical glitches, as the existing infrastructure struggles to handle the load.

PUC certificates need to be obtained every three months in Delhi and every six months in NCR. For BS-IV vehicles, the certificate is needed once a year. The capital has approximately 70 lakh registered vehicles, excluding the over 15-year-old petrol and over 10-year-old

diesel vehicles.

Before opening temporary PUC centres at the depots and terminals, the government had extended the operational timings of the centres, making them functional from 7 am to 10 pm.

"Even the server capacity has been increased nearly twice. Now the transport department can handle 6,000 online applications per hour, as compared to 3,200 applications per hour earlier," Delhi Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot said.

Gahlot added the government will also accept applications for new PUC centres from September 12.

"At centres with extreme rush, civil defense volunteers will be deployed for crowd management and to avert law and order issues," Gahlot said, naming 10 centres handling an average of 2,200 applications per day.

## Domestic help falls to death from 16th floor of Gurgaon condo

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
GURGAON, SEPTEMBER 11

**The woman was found dead by the condominium staff on Tuesday night. Police said an FIR has not been lodged since her family does not suspect any foul play**

A 19-YEAR-OLD woman, who worked as a domestic help with a family at a gated condominium in Gurgaon, fell to her death from the sixteenth floor balcony of her employers' home.

Police suspect she committed suicide, though no suicide note has been retrieved from her or the house.

Police said the incident took place around 10.30 pm on Tuesday at M3M Merlin Drive, a gated condominium in Gurgaon's Sector 67 along the Golf Course Extension Road.

The woman hailed from Uttar Pradesh's Bareilly and had been working at the house for the last 20-25 days, police said.

Her employer, police said, is a pilot with a private airline, and lives with his wife and four-year-old child.

"The woman was primarily employed to take care of the child... Her body was discovered by the condominium's staff. She was rushed to a private hospital, but was declared dead on ar-

rival," said Gurgaon Police PRO Subhash Boken.

The post-mortem was conducted on Wednesday afternoon, and her body has been handed over to her relatives. In the absence of a suicide note and her family not raising concerns about foul play, police said no FIR has been registered.

"Basic investigation has been conducted by personnel at Sector 65 police station. It appears to be a case of suicide, although the reason is unknown so far. The family has not raised any objections or expressed any concerns regarding foul play," said Boken. "They have not submitted any complaint."

Government of India  
Ministry of Tourism  
GWALIOR BHUBANESWAR GOA NOIDA NELLORE  
Indian Institute of Tourism & Travel Management  
(An Autonomous Body under Ministry of Tourism, Government of India)  
Govindpuri, Gwalior-474011

**Extension of closing date for submission of application for the post of Director-IITM**

The closing date for submission of application for the post of Director-IITM as mentioned in the Notification dated 01.08.2019 as well as the advertisement published in the news papers on 1st, 2nd and 3rd August, 2019, has been extended for another 15 days. The detailed information on Notification and corrigendum for partial modification of the Notification are available on the website: [www.tourism.gov.in](http://www.tourism.gov.in) or [www.iitm.ac.in](http://www.iitm.ac.in)

**NORTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
ELECTION FOR MEMBERS OF TOWN VENDING COMMITTEE FOR NORTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

It is informed to all concerned that as per notification of GNCTD dated 10.01.2018, Delhi Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood & Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2017 for forming the first town vending committee, the Bye-election of vacant post of TVC member amongst the street vendors in jurisdiction of Rohini Zone, Narela Zone & Civil Zone is scheduled as under :-

**Calling for the nomination**  
12.09.2019 to 16.09.2019 (Except on holiday i.e. 14 & 15 Sep 2019) (11.00 AM to 3.00 PM)  
17.09.2019

**Calling of objections against Nomination filed by candidate**  
Scrutiny of nomination : 18.09.2019  
Last date of Withdrawal of nomination : 19.09.2019 (Up to 5.00 PM)  
Display of final nomination : 20.09.2019  
Conducting of Election : 13.10.2019 (8.00 AM to 5.00 PM)  
Counting of votes and Declaration of results : 14 Oct 2019 (8.00 AM onwards)

All the eligible voters are requested to collect the nomination form, Voter list/Slip from respective Zonal offices. Further information regarding election/polling station, etc is available on the notice board of respective Returning officer i.e. Deputy Commissioner at zonal offices.

Sd/-  
Asst. Commissioner  
CL&EC/North DMC  
R.O. No. 84/North/DPL/2019-20

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ICMR-National Institute of Occupational Health  
मेघानगर, महाराष्ट्र 400026  
प्रयोग लिखित परीक्षा-साक्षात्कार (WALK-IN-WRITTEN TEST / INTERVIEW)

समयावधि लिखित परीक्षा के तहत समीक्षकों वेतन पर नियमितिहासिक अधिकारी पदों के लिए वॉक-इन-इंटरव्यू द्वारा 17.9.2019 को पूर्वांक 11:00 बजे से आईसीएमआर नेशनल इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ ऑप्कूप्यूमेंटेशन हेतु, अहमदाबाद में आयोजित किया जाएगा।

The walk-in-written test / interview is scheduled to be held by ICMR-National Institute of Occupational Health, Ahmedabad on 17.9.2019 from 11.00 am onwards to fill up the following temporary posts on consolidated salary under various time bound research projects.

Sl No	Name of post	Consolidated salary p.m.
1	Research Associate, 01-UR post	Rs 24,000/-+HRA for Ph.D holders Rs 23,000/-+HRA for M.Sc holders
2	Sr. Research Fellow, 02 Posts [ 01 for SC & 01 for EWS ]	Rs. 25,000/- per month + HRA
3	Jr. Research Fellow, 02 Posts [ 01 UR & 01 OBC ]	Rs. 25,000/- per month + HRA
4	Data Entry Operator [ 01-SC ]	Rs. 17,000/- per month
5	Laboratory Attendant 02 [ 01UR, 01OBC ]	Rs. 10,500/- under MPRNL project & Rs.15,800/- under Multi-centric project

नियम और शर्तें, शैक्षणिक योग्यता और अधिकारी जानकारी के लिए कृपया हमारी वेबसाइट [www.nioh.org](http://www.nioh.org), <http://icmr.nic.in> पर जाएं। For terms and condition, educational qualification and more details, please visit our websites [www.nioh.org](http://www.nioh.org), <http://icmr.nic.in>

निदेशक/ Director

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**Form No. 15  
BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL AT PATNA  
O.A. NO. 514/2019**  
Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. ....Applicant  
Verses  
M/s. Raj Rishav Engicon (India) Pvt. Ltd. ....Defendants  
SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993.  
To,  
1. M/s. Raj Rishav Engicon (India) Pvt. Ltd. through its Managing Director, At-Veer Kunwar Singh Chowk, Keshri Nagar, P.O.-Shastri Nagar, Patna-800024.  
2. Shri Surendra Singh @ Surendra Kumar Singh, S/o Late Ram Sakal Singh, At-Veer Kunwar Singh Chowk, Keshri Nagar, P.O.-Shastri Nagar, Patna-800023.  
3. Smt. Asha Devi, W/o Shri Surendra Singh, At-49/50, MLA Flat, Veer Chand Patel Path, Patna-800001.  
4. Shri Kanhaiya Kumar Singh, S/o Late Ram Sakal Singh, At-Mahajan Tola No.-1, PS & Town-Ara, Dist-Bhojpur (Bihar).  
5. Shri Satyendra Singh, S/o Late Ram Sakal Singh, At-Mahajan Tola No.-1 PS & Town-Ara, Dist-Bhojpur (Bihar).  
6. Smt. Manju Devi, W/o Shri Kanhaiya Kumar Singh, At-Mahajan Tola No.-1, PS & Town-Ara, Dist-Bhojpur (Bihar).  
Whereas the Applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks & Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of Rs.1,85,61,520/- (Rupees one crore eighty five lakhs sixty one thousand five hundred and twenty only) as on 31.07.2019 together with current and future interest, costs and for other reliefs.  
The above mentioned defendants are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of their defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on 22nd day of Oct, 2019 at 10.30 (Forenoon) as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.  
Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.  
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS TRIBUNAL ON THIS THE 4th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019.  
Registrar  
SEAL Debs Recovery Tribunal

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Call: 022 2654 5652 / 5639 / 5604 or Email: [premises.imo@bankofbaroda.com](mailto:premises.imo@bankofbaroda.com) for all clarifications/questions/assistance.

Last Date of EMD and KYC Document Submission  
11.10.2019 up to 3.00 pm

Date and Time of e-Auction  
18.10.2019 from 12.00 noon to 2.00 pm with unlimited extension of 5 minutes each.

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Place: Mumbai Date: 12-09-2019

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## BRIEFLY

Ravidas temple: CM writes to Puri

New Delhi: CM Arvind Kejriwal Wednesday wrote to Union Minister Hardeep Puri, requesting that the Centre denotify the forest land parcel where the Ravidas temple stood and "divert" it for its reconstruction.

Two-year-old dies after door falls on her

New Delhi: A two-year-old girl died at an under-construction house in CR Park after a door fell on her Wednesday, police said.

Elderly woman robbed

Noida: A 70-year-old woman was robbed of jewellery by two bike-borne assailants Wednesday. The men allegedly sought her blessings and touched her feet before robbing her in Greater Noida.

Woman dead

New Delhi: A 28-year-old school teacher died of gunshot injuries in Shahdara's Vishwas Nagar Wednesday, following which police apprehended her husband. While the husband claimed the woman committed suicide, police said they are "investigating all possible angles, including that of family dispute". ENS

## THREATENED WITH PENALTIES

## Be more inclusive for special needs kids, city schools told

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11

NOTING IRREGULARITIES in admission to children with special needs, the education department has ordered private schools in the city to "implement inclusive education", threatening them with penalties if they don't comply. The order, issued on August 28, calls on schools to comply with provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPWD) Act, 2016, which guarantees inclusive education to children with disabilities in all educational institutes.

The Act directs that the government and local authorities endeavour that all schools run and

recognised by them provide inclusive education, and it lists the duties of educational institutes. These include admitting them without discrimination; making buildings, campus and various facilities accessible; and providing necessary support "individualised or otherwise".

The order also refers to a 2013 Delhi High Court order which asks all schools to make their premises barrier-free, and gave them two years to appoint special educators. The court had also ordered that "no school shall refuse admission to children with disability for the reason of not employing Special Educators or not providing barrier free access in the school premises".

The education department has directed principals of all recognised private schools to examine the admission records of

2017-2018 and 2018-2019 to ensure that all admissions under the CWSN category have been carried out according to guidelines, and that admitted students are being provided with "effective inclusive education" as per RPWD Act. Schools are required to reserve 3% seats at entry-level for children with special needs, admissions to which are conducted through centralised draw of lots.

On Wednesday, *The Indian Express* had reported that DPS Dwarka had denied admission to two children, including an autistic six-year-old boy, who had been allotted the school through draw of lots, citing that its existing infrastructure rendered their admission unfeasible.

## 3 Noida cops suspended for 'aiding gambling'

Noida: Three policemen were suspended Wednesday for allegedly allowing gambling to take place in Noida's Sector 49.

The accused, Baraula chowki in-charge Neeraj Kumar and constables Abid Hussain and Neeraj Kumar, were allegedly found aiding illegal activities for the last one-and-a-half years.

"A raid was conducted on August 27 and a group of people were found gambling and carrying out other illegal activities. Eleven people were arrested. During investigation, the role of the policemen came to light. After an enquiry was conducted, it was found that the policemen allegedly let the activities go on. They have been suspended with immediate effect," said Vaibhav

Krishna, SSP, Gautam Budh Nagar.

According to police, the raid was conducted at a flat in Baraula village from where Rs 1 lakh in cash and playing cards were recovered. Locals and the accused alleged that the local police booth had been informed, but no action had been taken. Over last six months, several Gautam Budh Nagar officers have been suspended on charges ranging from corruption to negligence of duty.

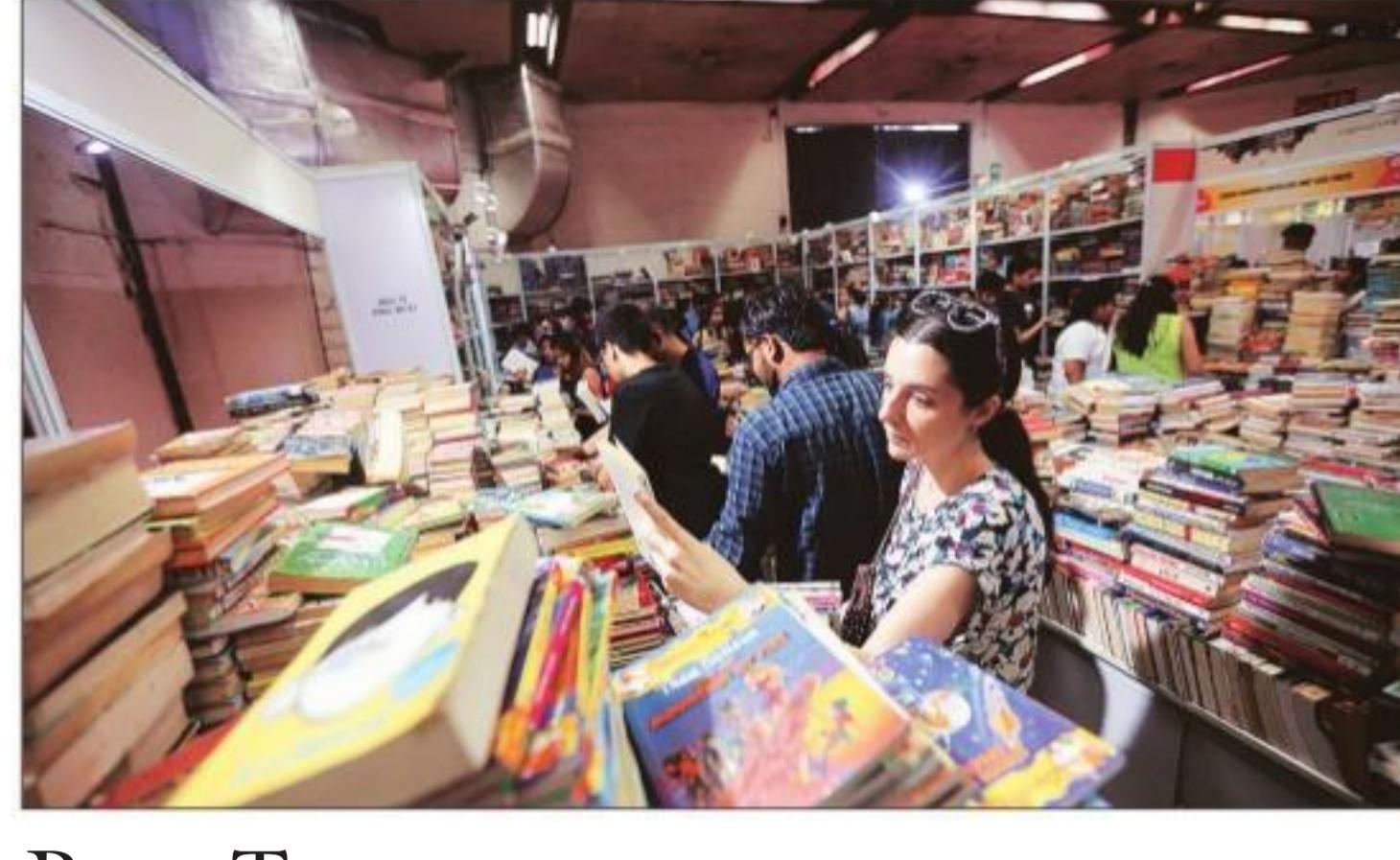
In May, the station house in-charge of Expressway police station was suspended for allegedly allowing an illegal rite party to be held in a Sector 122 farmhouse. Last month, the SHO of Jawar police station was suspended on charges ranging from corruption to negligence of duty.

With the Ambasssador of Iran to India, Dr Ali Chegeni on a range of issues including healthcare, education. Learned from Dr Chegeni that like Delhi, Tehran also faced incoming smog due to crop burning. Shared experiences of both capital cities in reducing pollution," Kejriwal tweeted.

The Iranian ambassador elaborated on the governance structure of Tehran and the relationship of the city's mayor with the Iranian government, the statement said, adding he also talked about the need to tackle air pollution.

Officials said the two discussed the similarities between Tehran and Delhi at the meeting, which was also attended by Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and Health Minister Satyendar Jain.

"Had a productive discussion



## PAGE TURNERS

Book lovers at the Delhi Book Fair at Pragati Maidan Wednesday. The five-day event, which began yesterday, will be on till Sunday. Tashi Tobgyal

## CM exchanges notes on crop burning with envoy from Iran



Kejriwal with Chegeni Wednesday

Cop booked over techie's death during checking

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NOIDA, SEPTEMBER 11

A TRAFFIC constable has been booked in connection with the death of a software engineer who died of a heart attack during police checking Sunday.

Gaurav Sharma (35) was stopped by a constable for a traffic violation, shortly after which he collapsed, said police.

"An FIR has been filed under

IPC section 304 (A) (death by negligence) against an unknown constable in connection with the incident. The family has written to us saying the policeman could have saved Gaurav's life since he collapsed in front of him. We are investigating the case," said Shlaka Kumar, SP City.

Gaurav's family alleged that on Sunday, the traffic personnel hit their car with sticks to stop it, and misbehaved with Gaurav and his parents.

As Gaurav stepped out, he collapsed. He was later declared dead on arrival at the hospital.

"The policeman disappeared as Gaurav collapsed. We don't want something like this happening to anybody," claimed Vaibhav, Gaurav's brother. Police are also conducting an enquiry into the conduct of the traffic constable during the incident.

## Set up bio-parks on floodplains by 2020 or pay fine, DDA told

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11

THE DELHI Development Authority (DDA) will be liable to pay Rs 5 lakh per month as penalty if it does not complete demarcation and fencing of Yamuna floodplains, and developing biodiversity parks there by April 2020, said an order passed by the National Green Tribunal. The NGT bench, led by chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel, also directed DDA to ensure that cultivation of crops is not undertaken on the floodplains.

The directive came after the NGT-appointed Yamuna monitoring committee submitted its reports to the tribunal, regarding the status of work being done by authorities for preventing pollution of the river and re-

juvenating it.

"The DDA is directed to undertake the work of restoration of floodplains so that they perform the requisite ecological functions," the bench said. It added that an action plan with timelines has to be submitted by the DDA to the monitoring committee within a month.

Fresh deadline of December 31, 2020, has also been set for governments of Delhi, Haryana, UP and other agencies, for completing pending projects aimed at preventing pollution of the river, except in cases where an earlier deadline has been set.

"Failing to do so may invite criminal prosecution," the NGT said.

The tribunal also noted that "environmental pollution and destruction of Yamuna" is a direct consequence of haphazard growth in unauthorised colonies.

It said that in the last 20 years, unchecked expansion of unauthorised colonies has led to haphazard proliferation of vast habitats bereft of roads, drainage or sewerage. "No amount of STPs and professional management inputs, repair of drains and interception of sewage will result in making the Yamuna cleaner unless the most major among the causes of pollution are confronted," the bench said.

It also added that laying sewer lines and drains need to be forecast and attended to well in advance to avoid the present situation in which most unauthorised colonies have no outlet for sewage.

The tribunal issued the directions while hearing an application filed by Manoj Misra, convener of the Yamuna Jeev Abhiyan.

With reference to this office RFP no. 904/STCE/2019 dated 27-08-2019 and advertisement dated 28.8.2019 published in The Hindustan Newspaper regarding supply and instalation of 'Open Air Gym' equipment including necessary Civil works, it is hereby informed that In tender BOQ column no.2 "item description" each item should be treated as excluding GST, in column 13 "basic rate in figures to be entered by the bidder" the rate should be quoted excluding all the taxes, and column no. 54 "total amount with taxes" is omitted and should be ignored.

All other terms and conditions will remain same.

SD-  
(Dr. Ujjwal Kumar)

Municipal Commissioner

Nagar Nigam Prayagraj

1-Sorojini Naidu Marg, Civil Lines

Prayagraj-211001, U.P.

DATE:- 11.09.2019

Corrigendum-1

With reference to this office RFP no. 904/STCE/2019 dated 27-08-2019 and advertisement dated 28.8.2019 published in The Hindustan Newspaper regarding supply and instalation of 'Open Air Gym' equipment including necessary Civil works, it is hereby informed that In tender BOQ column no.2 "item description" each item should be treated as excluding GST, in column 13 "basic rate in figures to be entered by the bidder" the rate should be quoted excluding all the taxes, and column no. 54 "total amount with taxes" is omitted and should be ignored.

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(Dr. Ujjwal Kumar)

Municipal Commissioner

Nagar Nigam Prayagraj

## DIVERSION OF TRAIN SERVICES

Due to yard remodeling and EI work at Tundla station, the following trains will be diverted as under:

1. 15707 Katihar - Amritsar Express scheduled to leave on 30-09-19 to 09-10-19 will be diverted via Lucknow-Sitapur City-Moradabad-Delhi instead of Lucknow-Kanpur Central-Chipyana Buzurg-Delhi. 2. 15707 Katihar - Amritsar Express scheduled to leave on 10-10-19 to 19-10-19 will be diverted via Lucknow-Sitapur City-Moradabad-Delhi instead of Burhwal Jn-Sitapur City-Roza Jn-Moradabad-Ghazibagh. 3. 15708 Amritsar-Katihar Express scheduled to leave on 01-10-19 to 20-10-19 will be diverted via Delhi-Moradabad-Sitapur City-Lucknow instead of Kanpur Central-Moradabad-Roza Jn-Sitapur City-Burhwal Jn.

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APPENDIX IV

[Under Rule 8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]

POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas,

The undersigned being the authorized officer of the Aditya Birla Finance Limited, 2nd Floor, UCO Building, 5, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001 under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 03.07.2019. Calling upon the Borrowers/Co-Borrowers of Vidur & Company Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Nupur Madhav, Mr. Keshav Madhav, Mrs. Matli Madhav and Mr. Madhav Madhav to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 3,72,66,660.68/- (Rupees Three Crore Seventy Two Lakhs Sixty Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Rupees and Sixty Eight Paise Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the undersigned has taken Possession of the Property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rule on this 9th Day of September of the year Two Thousand and Nineteen.

The Borrower/ Co-Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Aditya Birla Finance Limited, 2nd Floor, UCO Building, 5, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001 for an amount Rs. 3,72,66,660.68/- (Rupees Three Crore Seventy Two Lakhs Sixty Six Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Rupees and Sixty Eight Paise Only) and interest thereon.

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the Secured Assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES :-

All piece and parcel of Residential property being Apartment No. 2 on 5th Floor, measuring area 4395 Sq. Ft. (Approx 400 Sq. Mtrs.) Situated at Royal Retreat -2, Charma Wood, Village Surajkund, Faridabad, Haryana-121009 which is owned by Mr. Keshav Madhav & Mrs. Matli Madhav

ADITYA BIRLA FINANCE LIMITED

PLACE : NEW DELHI

DATE : 12-09-2019

Sd/-

AUTHORIZED OFFICER

SD/-

## Water Resources Department

Tembhu Lift Irrigation Project Management Division, Ogalewadi

## e-TENDER NOTICE NO. 30 FOR 2019-2020

Main Tender Portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in>

CIRCLE : SANGLI IRRIGATION CIRCLE; SANGLI

DIVISION : TEMBHU IRRIGATION PROJECT MANAGEMENT DIVISION OGALEWADI

Online electronic bids in B-1 form for below mentioned works is invited by Executive Engineer, Tembhlu Lift Irrigation Project Management Division, Ogalewadi Water Resources Department Maharashtra Government from non registered or registered contractors with Public Works department, Government of Maharashtra contractors. Tender documents are download from Government website <https://mahatenders.gov.in> in Executive Engineer. Tembhlu Lift Irrigation Project Management Division, Ogalewadi reserves the right to reject/ accept of tender. Tender is not accepted with any condition.

1. Name of Work

Flood protection work to Late Yashwantrao Chavan Samadhi Situated as Krishna Koyana Conference vicinity on right bank of both rivers tal Karad Dist Satara

2. Cost Put to Tender

Rs. 15,33,66,671/-

3. E-Tender period

Dt. 12/09/2019 to 07/10/2019

4. E-Tender Opening

Dt. 10/10/2019

All information of above E tender is available on below link.

1) <https://mahatenders.gov.in> 2) Any changes E Tender will inform on above website

3) Name of Officer and Address :- Executive Engineer, Tembhlu Lift Irrigation Project Management Division Ogalewadi Tal- Karad, Dist- Satara Ph.No. 02164-271327

Email :- <a href="mailto:et

## Campaigning time over in DU — but not for Delhi BJP chief

ABHINAV RAJPUT & ARANYA SHANKAR  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11

CAMPAIGNING FOR DUSU polls was not allowed Wednesday as per the Model Code of Conduct (MCC), but that did not stop Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari from campaigning for the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad.

Tiwari visited Vivek Vihar near Vivekananda College Wednesday when he asked students to vote for ABVP. He also visited several hostels, including Arpana Hostel.

Congress's National Students' Union of India (NSUI) said they will likely file a complaint with the Election Committee.

A video of the interaction was shared by Tiwari himself on Twitter, in which he could be seen campaigning in support of ABVP. "What could be better than this video in which daughters of Vivekanand College are giving a clear message to anti-national forces," he tweeted along with the video.

In the 30-second video, Tiwari is seen chanting ABVP's ballot numbers, 1, 2, 3, 4 in Hindi, to which students respond with "ABVP ab ki baar". In the end, Tiwari says, "Vote and support for ABVP".



Tiwari with the students Wednesday

panel."

Tiwari told *The Indian Express* he was passing through the college area when he saw some children and got down. "The children were very happy to see me and gathered around," he said.

Chief Election Officer (CEO) Ashok Prasad had Tuesday issued a notice which said, "All concerned may please note and ensure that the canvassing for the DUSU elections 2019-20 will stop at 8 pm of September 10."

NSUI said Tiwari visited Pearl Banquet, around 5 km from the college. "He went and canvassed at Pearl Banquet, which is a violation of code of conduct. Plus ABVP says they are not part of BJP, then why is state president BJP doing rounds?" said NSUI national media coordinator Neeraj Mishra.

## Day after raid at Hany Babu home, students and profs protest on campus



Outside the Arts Faculty in North Campus, Wednesday

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STUDENTS AND colleagues of Delhi University English professor Dr Hany Babu Wednesday protested at the Arts Faculty against the police search at his house in connection with the Elgar Parishad case.

Eight teachers of the English department also released a statement condemning the search.

The teachers include Heads of Department Raj Kumar, Rimli Bhattacharya, Tapan Basu, Prasanta Chakravarty, Subarno Chattarji, Priya Kumar, Ira Raja and Haris Qadeer. The teachers said they were "shocked and outraged at the sudden and unexplained raid". They claimed that while the search was on, Babu, his wife Jenny Rowena who teaches English at Miranda House, and their daughter were "prevented from communicating with any of their neighbours or friends".

"Dr Hany Babu is a respected academic with impeccable professional credentials. We strongly condemn the invasion of privacy of an individual and his family without any legal document, and further, his undu intimidation and seizing from his home his precious teaching and research material, as being violative of the norms of any law-abiding and democratic society," they said.

At Arts Faculty, several students taught by Babu as well as his peers from other colleges came to express solidarity. The idea of a student-teacher defence committee for Babu was

also floated.

Iqra Raza, a final-year English MA student who had come for the protest, said Babu was not just a great teacher, but an "amazing human being".

"He teaches us linguistics. In his lectures, he always presses on the idea of equality."

Shivam Verma, another student, described Babu as a "professor par excellence". "For a teacher, his life and work is in the laptop and hard disks. Not just his own, but years of research work of students would be in those files. It's really sad that they went after all these things and his books. We students also have so many books, are we also criminals?"

Karen Gabriel, who teaches English at St Stephens' College, said the recent trend was to brand everyone an urban naxal. "We need to prepare ourselves for worse that is to come. There is a pattern emerging against intellectuals who speak up for the marginalised... If they had not found books at Hany Babu's home, that would have been a problem, not that there were books. I don't think we should be apologetic about what we think and do. We should recommit ourselves to campaign for the right to speak and think," she said.

Ira Raja, Babu's colleague who also signed the statement, said she found it "bizarre" that libraries of professors were being targeted. "Now simply reading books is a problem. The kind of book you read has itself become incriminating," she said.

The JNU Teachers' Association also released a statement in support of Babu.

## Civic body official 'assault': AAP MLA gets court relief

New Delhi: A Delhi court has granted interim protection from arrest to AAP MLA from Model Town Akhilesh Pati Tripathi, who was booked for allegedly assaulting an MCD inspector, Rayinder Kumar Gupta, who said he was supervising cleaning work at Azadpur area on September 5, 2019, when the incident took place. ENS

till the next date of hearing, September 13.

Tripathi was booked by the Delhi Police for allegedly assaulting an MCD inspector, Rayinder Kumar Gupta, who said he was supervising cleaning work at Azadpur area on September 5, 2019, when the incident took place. ENS

## HC notice to varsity after 3 claim stopped from filing nomination

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THE DELHI High Court Wednesday sought to know Delhi University's stand on a plea by three students, alleging that they were illegally restrained by suspected members of the ABVP from filing their nominations for polls to the post of office bearers of the DU Students' Union (DUSU).

The students belong to the Students' Federation of India and All India Students' Federation.

The HC, however, refrained itself from postponing the DUSU polls, scheduled for Thursday.

Justice Sanjeev Sachdev expressed displeasure over alleged acts of violence on campus, and asked DU to file its response by the next date of hearing, October 17. The court also issued notice to DU, its Chief Election Officer (CEO) and SHO of Maurice Nagar police station on the petition, seeking necessary action on the students' complaint filed with the varsity and police subsequent to the incident.

The court did not allow the students to file their nominations for the upcoming DUSU polls, observing that the polls were due to be held the next day.



Students from 52 DU colleges will vote today.

Archive

The petition, filed by DU students Ravi Kumar Chauhan, Noel Benny and Parmanan Sharma, through their counsel Anuj Kapoor and Devyani Bhatt, alleged that on September 4, they were "prevented by suspected members of ABVP" from submitting their nomination papers at the CEO's office. September 4 was the last date to file nominations.

The counsel apprised the court that one of the students, who is visually impaired, was overpowered by the miscreants and his papers were snatched. When they again tried to submit their nominations, they were obstructed.

The plea claimed that police officers did not intervene despite heavy deployment.

## After last yr's poll drama, DU deploys observers in colleges

ARANYA SHANKAR  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11

AFTER COUNTING for the Delhi University Students' Union (DUSU) polls was suspended for over five hours last year following allegations of faulty EVMs, the university is determined not to take any chances this time.

As DU goes to polls today, an observer and one technical staff

at all 52 colleges which are going to vote. This is just a precautionary measure. There is always 0.01% chance that something can go wrong, so someone should be there. It happens sometimes in parliamentary and assembly elections," said Prasad.

The observers would be faculty members, Prasad added.

Last year, for the first time, counting was suspended as the Congress's National Students' Union of India (NSUI) alleged that one of the EVMs was showing a ballot number which had no candidate.

"We will be deputing one

Some violence had ensued when members of the NSUI and Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) were not allowed to leave the counting centre, following which counting was suspended, and began only at 5:30 pm.

After the results were declared, ABVP won the posts of president, vice-president and joint secretary while the NSUI had allied with the Aam Aadmi Party's Chhatra Yuva Sangharsh Samiti (CYSS). This year, however, they are fighting it out alone.

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Elections today will see the ABVP and NSUI going head to head on all four seats. For the post of president, Akshit Dahiya is up against NSUI's Chetna

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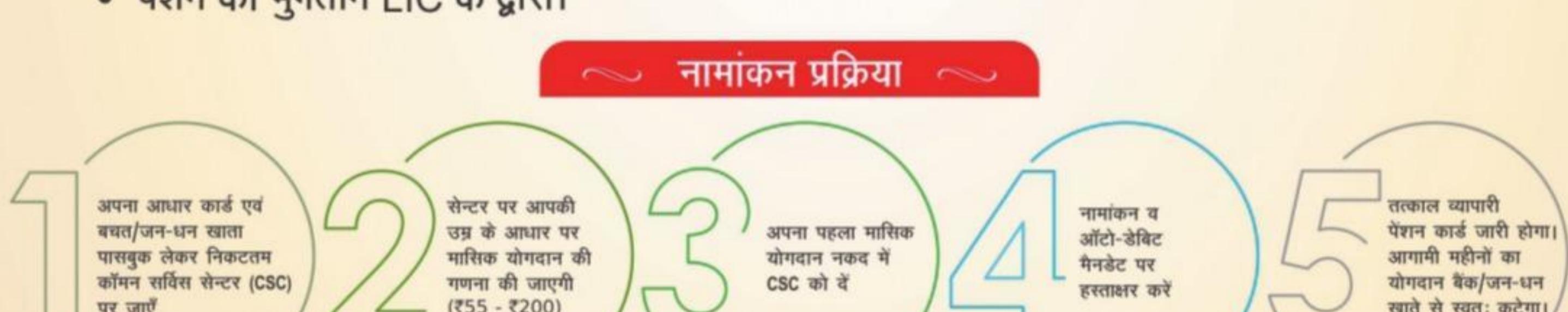


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SHUBHAJIT ROY

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11

UNITED NATIONS Secretary General Antonio Guterres has, once again, refused to get drawn into the J&K situation and appealed to India and Pakistan to engage on the issue "through dialogue". Guterres, however, expressed concern about any potential escalation between the two sides.

The Secretary General's position was made clear after Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the UN Maleeha Lodhi met him in New York.

Responding to questions about possible mediation, Guterres' spokesperson told reporters in New York: "Our position on mediation has, as a matter of principle, always remained the same. The Secretary-General has had contacts both with the Government of Pakistan and the Government of India. He saw the Prime

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Toeing UNSC line

LAST MONTH, informal closed-door consultations on Kashmir took place at the UN Security Council, which ended without the UNSC taking a stand. Taking a cue from the Council's permanent members, the Secretary General has not yet waded into the diplomatic tussle between India and Pakistan.

Minister of India at the sidelines of the G-7 not long ago. He had spoken to the Foreign Minister

of Pakistan. Yesterday, at her request, he met with the Permanent Representative of Pakistan in his office."

The spokesperson said: "His message to all of them has been the same, both publicly and privately, that he remains very concerned about any potential escalation between India and Pakistan over the situation. He appeals to both sides to deal with the issue through dialogue. And, as was said by the High Commissioner for Human Rights recently, the situation in Kashmir can only be solved with the full respect of human rights."

Modi met Guterres in Biarritz on the sidelines of the G-7 meeting on August 26, and laid out India's basic position on the issue that it is an "internal matter" and Article 370 is under the Indian Constitution. On the international front, Modi told Guterres that "no step has been taken by India in any way or form to threaten the regional peace and stability".

Pakistan has now claimed that it has prepared a joint statement on behalf of over 50 countries, which says they share the concern expressed by the High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet on the impact of India's J&K decision on the rights of people in Kashmir. However, it has not yet disclosed the names of the countries that are signatories to the statement.

## FOCUS STATES

INTHE RSS's recent coordination meeting in Pushkar, its work in the states of Tamil Nadu and Punjab were specially discussed. The RSS considers its work at the grassroots in these two states to be weak in comparison to other states. The agenda of the meeting had a mention of this discussion. Sources said that Sah-Sarkaryawah Manmohan Vaidya and the Tamil Nadu sanghchalak presented brief statements on Punjab and Tamil Nadu, respectively, which was followed by discussion and suggestions.

## GREEN INITIATIVE

A GROUP of five National Law School of India University graduates, including former ambassador to the US Navtej Sarna's son Satyajit Sarna, have initiated a move to float a political party that will prioritise environmental concerns of the 21st century above all else. The Green Justice Party of India has begun an online membership drive before registering the party with the Election Commission.

## ANOTHER GLITCH

THE VANDE Bharat Express has again encountered technical glitches. It is said that a lightning arrester burst a few days ago, leading to a delay en route to Delhi. The problem happened again a couple of days later. Now, it has been decided to run the train through another section as Railways says the fault is in the overhead equipment in a particular section. Some officials are sensing departmental wrangling in deciding what actually ails the showpiece train and how the organisation addresses it.

## PANEL DELAY

IT HAS been some time since the new Lok Sabha MPs took oath, and they are now one session old. However, Parliamentary standing committees are yet to be constituted. The matter caused much consternation during the session – with the Opposition accusing the government of subverting Parliament and the government maintaining that it was the Opposition parties' tardiness in giving names for the committees that had caused the delay. It is unconventional for the committees to not be in place by the beginning of September.

# UN chief steers clear on J&K: Engage through dialogue

Vaiko files habeas corpus plea in SC, says unable to contact Farooq

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11



Vaiko claimed Abdullah was not being allowed to attend a seminar in Chennai

RAJYA SABHA MP Vaiko on Wednesday approached the Supreme Court with a habeas corpus plea seeking production of Lok Sabha MP and former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah, who he claimed is not being allowed to attend a seminar organised in Chennai.

Vaiko, also general secretary of the MDMK party, petitioned that he is organising a conference in Chennai on September 5 on the occasion of the birth anniversary of former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister CN Annadurai "in the spirit of peaceful democratic debate and discussion so as to strengthen the unity and integrity of India".

He mentioned that he has been organising the event for many years, and that political leaders from across the country are taking part in it. According to the petition, Abdullah was invited and had agreed to attend the event.

Vaiko submitted that the National Conference leader had attended previous editions of the conference. "However, on or around 05.08.2019, Dr Farooq Abdullah was placed under detention in Srinagar. Despite his efforts the petitioner was unable to contact him," the petition stated.

Following this, Vaiko stated, he wrote to the Union government and the J&K administration, requesting them to allow Abdullah to travel to Chennai "in order to attend the conference in the interest of freedom of speech and in the spirit of encouraging democratic participation". But, he submitted, "the respondents have failed to reply to the letter/representation, which by implication is a denial of permission".

The action of the respondent

dents – the Centre and the J&K administration – are "completely illegal and arbitrary and violative of the right to protection of life and personal liberty, right to protection from arrest and detention, and also against right to free speech and expression which is the cornerstone of a democratic nation".

Vaiko contended that the Centre and the state administration have imposed an "undclared emergency" in J&K and placed an "entire state in lockdown for the past one month and dealt a body-blow by arresting democratically elected representatives who were instrumental in strengthening democracy in the state".

The petition submitted: "This is a conflict between power and liberty and the constitutional courts of the land ought to act as a check and balance when the executive illegally usurps fundamental rights of lakhs of citizens instead of shielding the executive under the false pretext of national security and integrity.... The refusal...to allow Dr Farooq Abdullah to attend the peaceful and democratic conference organised by the petitioner is illegal and arbitrary and violative of Articles 21, 22 and 19(1)(a) of the Constitution of India."

Through his plea, the Rajya Sabha MP urged the court to do the needful to enable Abdullah to attend the conference.



## CLEANLINESS INITIATIVE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi meets women who pick plastic from garbage at the Swachhta Hi Seva Programme, in Mathura on Wednesday. ANI

## Wielding axe, Khattar tells supporter: Will chop off head

State govt needs to work more seriously on law and order: Pilot

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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 11



A video grab of the incident

HOURS AFTER a video clip surfaced in which Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar is seen wielding an axe and threatening a party supporter that he will chop his head off, he justified his "anger" as "natural" because the worker had tried to place a silver crown on his head, a "culture of Congress" that he claimed BJP had done away with.

"We had stopped this culture of (accepting) crowns of silver and gold five years ago to save the hard-earned money of the public. If even today, any person, even my own worker, without my knowledge, places a silver crown on my head, it's natural that I will be angry," he said Wednesday while addressing media here.

He was responding to the video clip that was first shared by AICC chief spokesperson and Kaithal MLA Randeep Singh Surjewala in the morning. Sharing the clip, purportedly recorded at Hansi in Hisar dis-

ting an axe gifted to him by a supporter. As Khattar starts addressing the rally, a BJP leader tries to put a crown on his head. Khattar cuts shorts his speech and addresses the leader: "Kya kar raha ho? Gardan kaat dunga teri (What are you doing? I will cut off your head)," he is heard saying in the video.

The leader, later identified as a former member of the Haryana Staff Selection Commission (HSSC), is seen apologising to the CM with folded hands.

Addressing the press conference in the evening, Khattar said that the party leader had placed the silver crown on his head without his knowledge. He said he lost his cool as this was a "Congress culture" that he had done away with after taking charge as chief minister of Haryana in 2014.

"He is very old (BJP) worker and has been part of the government also. He did not take it (my anger) otherwise. We will not allow this culture of Congress in this party (BJP) and state again," Khattar further said.

IN A veiled attack on Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, Deputy CM Sachin Pilot on Wednesday said that the government needs to work "more seriously" on law and order in the state.

Asked about Leader of Opposition Gulab Chand Kataria questioning the government on law and order situation in the state, Pilot, talking to journalists, said, "As a leader of the opposition it is natural" that Kataria may have a reason "to attack the government but it is also true that we need to give more attention to law and order."

"The government is serious regarding the incidents which have taken place recently and we have also taken steps so that these things can be contained and are not repeated. And it is true that it is the incidents in Dholpur, Alwar or Behror, the law and order has been disturbed in the past few months and we should work more seriously on it," Pilot said.

## Declare Ladakh a 'tribal area', recommends NCST

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11

THE NATIONAL Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) has sent a formal recommendation to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to declare Ladakh a "tribal area" in the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.

The Commission on Wednesday wrote to Home Minister Amit Shah and Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda, recommending the status that will allow the Centre to grant autonomous councils in the region on the pattern of the Northeast states.

The Sixth Schedule provides for the administration of tribal areas after setting up autonomous district and regional councils.

"The commission, after careful consideration, recommends that the Union Territory of Ladakh be brought under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution... Accordingly, NCST chairperson (Nand Kumar Sai) has written to Home and Tribal Affairs Ministers conveying the

recommendation," a statement issued by the NCST said.

According to the NCST, this will help "democratic devolution of powers, preserve and promote distinct culture of the region, protect agrarian rights including rights on land and enhance transfer of funds for speedy development of the region".

The NCST's recommendation comes against the backdrop of growing demand from a predominantly tribal population and political leaders of Ladakh for according "tribal area" status to the region. The Home Ministry is the central authority for declaring an area as a "tribal area".

In a memorandum to Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda in August, BJP MP from Ladakh, Janyang Tsering Namgyal, had said the region is a predominantly tribal area with tribals making up 98 per cent of its population. "After the Centre announced its decision to make Ladakh a Union Territory, the biggest concern of the tribal population here is to protect its identity, culture, land and economy," he had said.

Earlier in the day, Prasad addressed a press conference at Ahmedabad Management Association wherein he highlighted the achievements of the Modi-led government in the first 100 days of its second term. Here too, Prasad mentioned the abrogation of special status as the biggest achievement of the government. He said the decision was appreciated by a number of countries, and that even China had not openly objected to it. The decision is in the interest of Jammu and Kashmir and India, he said.

Praising Patel for unifying

## Patel's pain removed by another great son of Gujarat: Prasad on J&K

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

GANDHINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 11

UNION MINISTER of Law and Justice and Communications Ravi Shankar Prasad on Wednesday said that Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's pain regarding Kashmir had been eliminated through "surgery" by "another great son of Gujarat" — Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Addressing a gathering of people from 36 institutes of Ahmedabad at Dinesh Hall here, Prasad said the decision to scrap special status of Jammu and

Kashmir was a "confidential project", and that he got to know about it just two days earlier.

"Today there is satisfaction about one fact. The pain of Sardar Patel regarding Kashmir has been cured through surgery by another great son of Gujarat, Narendra Modi," Prasad said, speaking at the event called 'Rashtriya Ekta Abhiyan' organised by the Gujarat BJP.

Congratulating Modi on the move regarding J&K, Prasad also gave credit to Home Minister Amit Shah for deftly "piloting the project".

"There are a number of holes

in the Government of India. And this matter could have been leaked from anywhere. And

once it was leaked, mischief was bound to be there," he said.

"I had been associated with the subject... I joined just two days prior. Amit Shah called me and said 'Law Minister, read this file'. After reading the file, I was startled. Because, even since I joined the RSS in Class III, I had just heard the story of Jahan huye balidan Mukherjee, woh Kashmir hamara hain. And now, as Law Minister, I was to sign. I got emotional. He (Shah) said, 'Law Minister, is your pen working correctly? Take it out and sign it, we want to make history'."

Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad in Ahmedabad on Wednesday. Javed Raja

India, Prasad said that Patel was "right" and Jawaharlal Nehru was "wrong" in their approach towards Kashmir.

Prasad also spoke on other achievements of the Modi government, including the law banning instant triple talaq.

On the issue of employment, Prasad said that since September 2017, 2.75 crore persons have been added to the Employees' Provident Fund, which means that as many people have got jobs. He said that in 2014, there were only two mobile manufacturing companies in India, but now, there are 268 such companies.



P K Mishra takes over as the Principal Secretary to Prime Minister, in Delhi on Wednesday. ANI



## P K Mishra is PM's new principal secy, P K Sinha principal advisor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11

PRAMOD KUMAR Mishra has been appointed the new Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and former Cabinet Secretary P K Sinha is Principal Advisor to the Prime Minister in a newly created post.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet issued the two important appointment orders on Wednesday.

Mishra, a 1972-batch IAS officer, was the Additional Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister and was holding the rank of a Cabinet minister. Mishra takes over from Nripendra Misra who stepped down last month after being in the post for over five years. Mishra has served on important positions in the Narendra Modi government in Gujarat.

Mishra has past experience related to the management of programmes on agriculture, disaster management, power, infrastructure financing and regula-





## NORTH

### Muzaffarnagar: Six men attack priest, loot ashram

Muzaffarnagar (UP): Six unidentified men entered an ashram in Uttar Pradesh's Muzaffarnagar district, attacked its 70-year-old head priest and fled after looting the place, police said on Wednesday. Swami Bhajanand Maharaj, the mahant of Tapovan Dham, sustained serious injuries in



MP BJP president Rakesh Singh at a rally as part of the Ghantanaad Andolan against the state government's alleged misrule, in Bhopal on Wednesday. PTI

## EAST

### Narada: CBI conducts voice tests of TMC MP, BJP leader

Kolkata: The CBI on Wednesday conducted voice sample tests of former Kolkata Municipal Corporation mayor Sovan Chatterjee and Trinamool Congress MP Aparupa Poddar in connection with Narada sting operation, sources in the agency said.

Chatterjee, who recently joined the BJP, and Poddar are

among the ten leaders of the Trinamool Congress who have been summoned by the agency for the test.

Over the past two weeks, several TMC ministers and leaders, including Subrata Mukherjee, Sougata Ray and Madan Mitra, have been subjected to voice sample tests.

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## WEST

### Complaint against Surat trader for selling low-grade diamonds

Surat: A 50-year-old lawyer practising in Telangana High Court on Wednesday lodged a complaint with Mahidharpura police station, alleging that she was cheated by a diamond trader of Surat who sold her "low-grade diamonds". The lawyer, Aruna Reddy, a resident of Hyderabad, had purchased diamonds worth Rs 4 lakh

from Yogesh Shah, a diamond trader from Mahidharpura area in Surat. She later placed an order over phone in April 2019 for diamonds worth Rs 7.32 lakh, police said. When ready received the delivery, more than 40 per cent of the diamonds were of poor quality, the complaint states. Investigation is on, said police. ENS

## SOUTH

### AIADMK leader holds son's wedding at Jaya memorial

Chennai: In reverence to late AIADMK leader Jayalalithaa, a party leader held his son's wedding ceremony on the premises of her samadhi on Marina beach Wednesday. The spot was decked up as AIADMK leader S Bhavishankar's son S P Sambasivaraman tied the knot with R Deepika.

The couple sat in front of

the samadhi — on the pathway used to circumambulate the mausoleum. Party workers said the marriage at the mausoleum gave them the satisfaction of the wedding being blessed by the late leader.

Party sources said special permission was obtained to solemnise the marriage at the mausoleum.

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## PROCEEDS TO GO FOR CLEANING GANGA

### More than 2,700 gifts to PM to be auctioned

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11  
DAGGERS, PAGRIS, paintings, shawls, and no less than a thousand portraits of Prime Minister Narendra Modi by various artists, which adorn the walls of National Gallery of Modern Art here, will be auctioned to raise funds for the Centre's Namami Ganga project. All the 2,772 objects on display were presented to Modi during his official visits to various parts of the country in the last six months.

Union Culture Minister Prahpal Patel said on Wednesday that e-auction of these mementos will be held from September 14 to October 3. The base price of the objects ranges from Rs 200 to Rs 2.5 lakh — that of a portrait of Modi on silk and gifted to him by

couturier and owner of Seematti textiles, Beena Kannan. Another portrait of the PM, done in the *pichhwai* style, has a base price of Rs 2 lakh. The auction will be held on an online portal designed by

National Informatics Centre and will be open to all, said Patel.

"The items up for auction, which are being displayed at NGMA, will be changed every 15 days, and if need be the dates for

the exhibition and auction will be extended," the minister said.

The base or reserved price of the items have been fixed by experts. NGMA Director-General Adwaita Gadanayak said he has personally assessed all the artworks and fixed their prices accordingly, while for all other mementos, the price has been fixed by the Customs Department, he said.

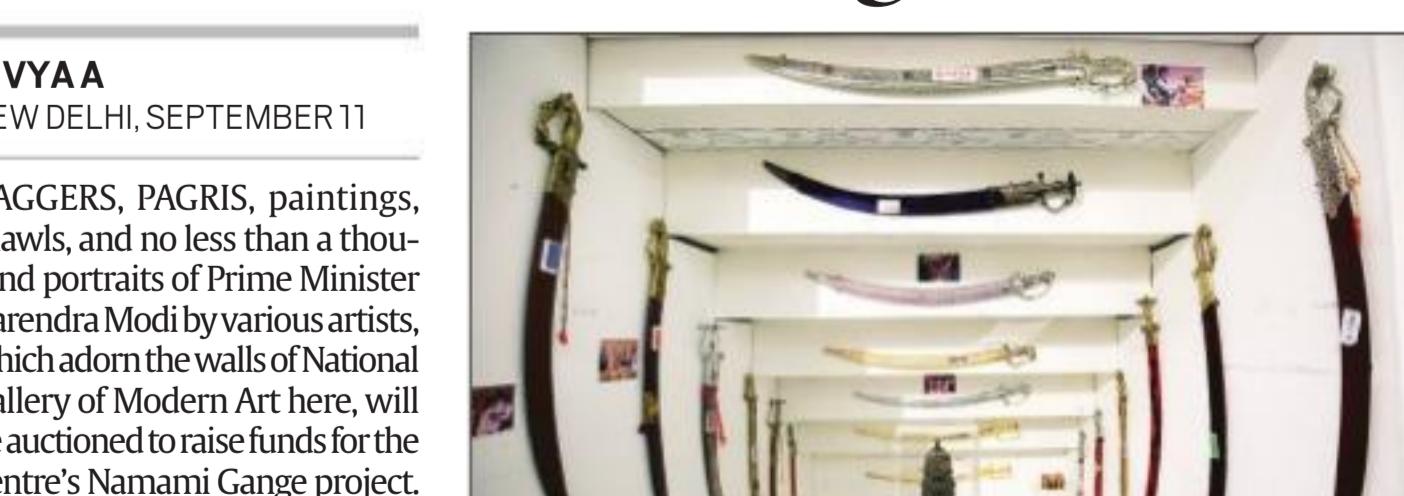
"The exhibition pertains to gifts received by Modi during his visits within India, while those received from his visits abroad are handed to the Ministry of External Affairs, and it is up to them to give them for auction," added an official from the ministry.

In January, more than 1,800 gifts received by the PM were sold in a fortnight-long exercise, which saw participation of 4,000 bidders offline and online. The funds gen-

erated went towards the Namami Ganga project.

An NGMA official said that the bids last time were many times their reserve price, but did not disclose the total amount raised. An official said a wooden replica of BMW was the most expensive memento to be sold at the e-auction, fetching Rs 5 lakh. About the items to be auctioned, Gadanayak said, "The objects pertain to all art forms of India — oil canvases, sculptures, textiles and embroidery, and digital prints. In terms of geography and traditions, they represent India in a nutshell." He added that there was a tie-up with India Post to deliver the objects to the successful bidders.

Patel said the ministry is likely to hold such auctions every six months, or as and when a sizeable number of objects are collected.



At the exhibition, in New Delhi on Wednesday. Praveen Khanna

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## ADMISSION TO MEDICAL COURSES

### Bihar Health ministry seeks details of counselling for UG seats

SANTOSH SINGH  
PATNA, SEPTEMBER 11

THE BIHAR Health Ministry on Wednesday sought phase-wise details of NEET-UG 2019 counselling from the Bihar Combined Entrance Competitive Examination Board (BCECEB) that just concluded the first, second and mop-up rounds, filling up 972 seats in government medical, dental and veterinary colleges.

The Indian Express on Wednesday published a report, "Bihar medical admission loophole: Low ranks mean top colleges", which showed how at least 125 students, who could have got MBBS seats if they were allowed to take part in mop-up round of counselling, ended up in BDS courses while

low-rankers managed to get MBBS seats in the mop-up round.

In one case, a girl ranked 981 in Bihar, who could not have qualified for admission in the lowest-ranked Betiah Medical College, got a seat in the best-ranked Patna Medical College in the mop-up round. At least 100 BDS students, who could have got MBBS seats if allowed to take part in the mop-up round, are upset. Some of them are now exploring legal options.

Bihar principal secretary, Health, Sanjay Kumar told The Indian Express, "BCECEB had not given phase-wise list to me. I have asked the counselling board to give us phase-wise list with details of students, their social categories and who got which college in all three rounds." Kumar said it did look surprising how 183 seats re-

mained vacant after two rounds of counselling. "Mop-up means left over seats, but 183 out of 972 is a big number."

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## MOTOR VEHICLES ACT

### After Gujarat, Uttarakhand too slashes fines, others may follow

Uttarakhand became the second state after Gujarat to announce a cut in penalties for traffic violations introduced under the Centre's amended Motor Vehicles Act. Few states have adopted the Act in its entirety, while several states have put it on hold. *The Indian Express* looks at how the amended Act is being implemented across the country:

#### UTTARAKHAND PENALTIES CUT

The state government on Wednesday decided to adopt the amended Act but with cuts in penalties.

The state Cabinet decided that penalty of Rs 2,500 will be charged for allowing an unauthorised person to drive a vehicle, whereas the Centre had proposed penalty of Rs 5,000. Likewise, penalty for a person driving a vehicle without licence or a minor driving a vehicle at a public place will attract penalty of Rs 2,500, reduced from Rs 5,000 as proposed by the Centre.

If one who is disqualified from having a driving licence drives a vehicle at a public place, penalty of Rs 5,000 will be imposed instead of Rs 10,000 as proposed by the Centre. For the use of handheld communication device while driving, the Centre proposed penalty of Rs 5,000, but Uttarakhand decided to cut it to Rs 1,000 for the first offence.

Cabinet minister Madan Kaushik said that the amended Act will be adopted and implemented with the changes decided in the Cabinet meeting.

For violation of standards of air pollution or noise pollution, the Centre has proposed penalty of Rs 10,000. But the state government has decided that penalty of Rs 2,500 will be charged for the first offence and Rs 5,000 for the second and subsequent offences.

The Centre proposed penalty of Rs 1,000 if a child inside the vehicle is not protected by Child Restraint System or safety belt. The state has decided to charge penalty of Rs 200 in such case.

The state government has decided to charge penalty of Rs 5,000 for not giving way to emergency vehicles like ambulance and fire brigade. The Centre had proposed penalty of Rs 10,000.

For driving an uninsured vehicle, the Centre had proposed penalty of Rs 2,000 for the first offence and Rs 4,000 for second and subsequent offences. The state government has reduced it to Rs 1,000 for two-wheelers and three-wheelers and Rs 2,000 for other vehicles in case of first offence. Penalty will be doubled in second and subsequent offences for these category vehicles.

#### GUJARAT PENALTIES CUT

The state government has slashed the penalty for 15 violations under the Act, thereby reducing the quantum of fine by 50% in most cases and by 70% in some, compared with the penalties decided by the Centre. "The government has no interest in harassing people by levying steep fines. Our priority is safety of human lives and we will ensure strict implementation of the new amendments, which have been reviewed by a high-level committee of experts and lawmakers," Chief Minister Vijay Rupani said.

#### MAHARASHTRA NOT IMPLEMENTED

The state government is yet to implement the penalties under the new Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act. Last week, Transport Minister Laxman Savadi said that while his department has made an administrative decision, it is awaiting the opinion of the Law and Judiciary Department before announcing the modified fines.

#### ODISHA MORATORIUM FOR 3 MONTHS

The state on Monday relaxed implementation for three months after a spat between police and the

#### MADHYA PRADESH ON HOLD

The state has put on hold the implementation of the amended Act, saying the fine for violations is excessive.

Law Minister P C Sharma said the state will study its implementation in other states, and that fines will be cut because states have the authority to do so.

#### CHHATTISGARH ON HOLD

Chhattisgarh, too, has decided to go with the old spot fines. "We are examining if the state government can make amendments," Home Minister Tamandhwaj Sahu had said.

#### PUNJAB ON HOLD

Punjab has not implemented the amended rules. Transport

public at several places in Bhubaneswar. "The CM directed the enforcement agencies not to go on an overdrive, but rather counsel and handhold the public.

The Transport Department has been directed to augment public

services, open extra counters, conduct camps in public institutions

so as to enable motor vehicle users to update their compliance status.

This process will continue over the

next three months so that adequate time is made available to the

public to ensure compliance," the statement said.

#### BIHAR IMPLEMENTED

The state has implemented the new law by next week.

"It will be implemented as it is,

and we might add a few points.

We will notify it by next week.

We are awaiting an opinion from the Home Department on the

level of officer who will fine the offender," said Assam minister and government spokesperson Chandra Mohan Patowary.

#### KERALA IMPLEMENTED, BUT NOW ON HOLD

Kerala had collected hiked fines for traffic violations for three

days, but protests by the public and trade unions forced the state

government to stop collecting the hiked fines. NCP leader and Kerala Transport Minister A K Saseendran said, "For the time being, we have decided not to collect the revised fines for traffic violations."

He said Kerala would also factor in the decisions

of the Gujarat government to reduce fines and of other states to put on hold the new rules.

## WEST BENGAL ON HOLD

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said the state government will not implement the amended Act as it will burden the people. The state will continue with the existing West Bengal Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. "We have given special focus to our traffic safety programme, and police and other stakeholders are working towards reducing accidents. If we implement it (new rules), it will come as an additional burden."

## RAJASTHAN IMPLEMENTING PARTIALLY

Rajasthan has decided to implement the rules partially. On September 3, CM Ashok Gehlot announced that the compounding fee for 17 offences will be kept low "for practical reasons", so that people are "self-motivated" to follow traffic rules. However, the fines for 16 serious offences will be kept high, as per the amendments.

## TRIPURA TO BE IMPLEMENTED

Transport Minister Pranajit Singh Roy said, "These are good amendments. There is no negative aspect to it. We will implement it as it is." The state government has started an awareness drive.



Police conducting checks on vehicles, in Noida on Wednesday. Gajendra Yadav

## Monsoon this year to be normal, withdrawal likely after Sept 15: IMD

ANJALI MARAR  
PUNE, SEPTEMBER 11

THE MONSOON season for the country will end on a positive note and be normal, with the withdrawal most likely to occur between September 15 and September 20.

According to officials of India Meteorological Department (IMD), the rainfall during the ongoing month will be normal like August and July months, taking the season's total rainfall to normal.

"This month too, we are expecting to record above normal rainfall over the country. The monsoon this year will end up being normal," said D Sivanand Pai, head, Climate Research and Services (CRS) at IMD, Pune.

As far as September rainfall is concerned, all regions except north-east and north-west have recorded normal rainfall till September 11.

The rainfall departures in each of the homogenous regions on the day were Central India (+2.1 per cent), South Peninsula (+9.7 per cent), East and North

East (-19.5 per cent) and North West (-8.5 per cent). As on Wednesday, the All India rainfall stood 2.8 per cent above normal.

The weakening of El Nino during early July and the consistent shifting of the monsoon trough between south and central India regions hugely benefited the overall rainfall this season. The rainfall distribution was fairly spatially even over most parts. In fact, this season saw many events of flooding in states like Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala.

However, the northeast region will end up remaining rainfall deficit, with meteorologists stating that most rain bearing systems formed in the Bay of Bengal traversed along Central India further either to the north or west.

As a result, the east and northeast regions that are otherwise wet areas during these four months were deprived of even normal rain in many areas. Dhavan, who had accepted

## Placing idols in mosque illegal usurpation: Sunni board to SC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11

THE SUNNI Wakf Board on Wednesday told the Supreme Court that the alleged placing of idols of Hindu deities in the Babri Masjid in December 1949 was an "illegal usurpation" and sought to know whether it can create any right in favour of Hindus.

"December 22 (1949) was an illegal usurpation and using that December 22 to January 5, 1950 (when Babri Masjid was attacked by the city magistrate), can your Lordships say it creates a right," senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan, appearing for the Board and one of the appellants, M Siddiqi, told a five-judge Constitution Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi.

The bench, also comprising Justices S A Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S A Nazeer, is hearing appeals against the September 30, 2010 verdict of the Allahabad High Court for a three-way division of the disputed 2.77-acre site.

Dhavan, who had accepted



AYODHYA  
HEARING

that idols of Hindu deities were being worshiped in Ram Chabutara on the outer courtyard of the disputed site and that the Nirmohi Akhara had shebait rights, said this did not give them any ownership rights.

The Akhara, which was granted one-third of the disputed land by the Allahabad HC, has said that the birthplace of Ram, "now commonly known as 'Jannaboomi', belongs and has always belonged" to it.

The term 'belonging to', as per the Akhara, extended limitation period to file lawsuit, Dhavan told the bench. "The answer is that it (land) does not belong to them and 'Akhara' is not the owner of the property either under the English law on trusteeship or as a

'shebait,' he submitted.

A shebait under Hindu law is entrusted with the task of maintaining and preserving an idol and its property.

The hearing, which started only after lunch, saw Dhavan trying to explain the concepts of continuing wrong and possession under civil law.

The arguments remained inconclusive and will resume on Thursday.

### SC to hear plea for live streaming on Sept 16

The court also said that on September 16 it will take up a plea by social activist K N Govindacharya seeking live-streaming or recording of the ongoing hearing in the case.

Govindacharya, in his plea filed through lawyer Virag Gupta, has urged the court to at least make provision for audio-recording of the proceedings if live-streaming is not possible. The plea stated, "The common public, which is devotee of Lord Ram, is interested in knowing how an individual can represent Lord

Ram before the Supreme Court.... There are crores of persons, including the petitioner, who want to witness the proceedings in the matter but cannot do the same due to the present norms in Supreme Court. There are also others who wish to intervene and attend the proceedings but cannot do the same due to orders of this Court in the matter."

Govindacharya recalled that the Supreme Court had in its September 2018 judgment in the Centre for Accountability and Systemic Change vs Secretary General case ruled in favour of live-streaming in important constitutional matters. But that is yet to be implemented, he stated.

The Supreme Court, he pointed out, had said in the judgment that "sunlight is the best disinfectant. Live-streaming as an extension of the principle of open courts will ensure that the interface between a court hearing with virtual reality will result in the dissemination of information in the widest possible sense, imparting transparency and accountability to the judicial process."

## In Andhra, rights group leader, others booked for meet on Article 370, J&K

FIR by BJP leader accuses participants of trying to incite communal hatred

complaint stating that the speakers said things which incite feelings of hatred between communities. We have procured videos of the speeches and will investigate the matter."

Last week, the police had declined permission to Human Rights Forum to hold a meeting on Article 370 in Adoni and Kurnool, in Kurnool district, stating that it may disturb peace.

VS Krishna of the rights outfit said, "This was our ninth meeting in AP. We just discuss abrogation of (special status to J&K under) Article 370 and its effects on Kashmiri people. We don't disturb peace or create a law and order situation."

Accusing the Narendra Modi government of committing a "Constitutional outrage" in J&K, he said, "The communications blockade has further alienated Kashmiris. Any discussion on Kashmir unfortunately never involves Kashmiris...it (Kashmir) is just referred to as if it is a piece of real estate."

He said, "Every day the Centre says things are normal in Kashmir. So why is there still a lockdown? If it is being done for the good of Kashmiris why is their voice not heard anywhere? Why is the opinion of Kashmiris suppressed by this lockdown? In a democracy all these things need to be discussed. We cannot just go by the narrative of the government that everything is fine when no one is allowed to go there what is happening."

He also said, "BJP leaders all over are opposed to any discussion on Article 370 and are stalling opposing voice by filing these police complaints."

## Not against interfaith marriages but duty to protect woman: SC

Father says marriage by 'fraud'; court seeks bona fides

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11

STATING THAT the court is "not against interfaith or inter-caste marriages", the Supreme Court on Wednesday asked the "husband" of a Chhattisgarh woman, whose parents alleged that she was "fraudulently" lured into an interfaith marriage, to file an affidavit stating his bona fides, even as it advised him to be "a great lover and a loyal husband".

Benches of Justices Arun Mishra and M R Shah also said that the court is only trying to secure her future in view of contradictions highlighted by the petitioner, and also because there have been cases where a woman has been abandoned after some time.

The remarks came while the bench was hearing a plea filed by the woman's father through advocate Kausthubh Shukla.

The father in his petition stated that the woman, his elder daughter, was under medication for mental health issues and had in the past expressed desire to be with her parents.

Last year, Shukla said, her husband moved the Supreme Court against a Chhattisgarh

alleging that his wife, who was Hindu before marriage, was illegally detained by her parents.

In that case, Dwivedi said, a three-judge bench of the top court had upheld the right of a person to choose a partner of his or her choice.

To this, the court said, "...We are not averse to even living-together relations but we have to be concerned about her.... We have a duty to protect her."

As senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, representing the woman, said there is "no need to portray women as vulnerable and in need of protection from someone", the court did not relent and said it was only trying to secure her future in view of contradictions highlighted by the petitioner.

Justice Mishra said, "We are not against interfaith or inter-caste marriages.... But what if the husband leaves the girl after some time? We just want to know his bona fides. We have a duty. (The) rest is her destiny."

Turning to Dwivedi, Justice Mishra remarked, "Be a loyal husband."

Justice Shah added, "Not just a great husband — be a great lover and a loyal husband."



Vokkaliga community members at a rally in Bengaluru on Wednesday. PTI

### AFTER SHIVAKUMAR ARREST

## Rally against 'injustice to Vokkaligas' in Bengaluru

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
BENGALURU, SEPTEMBER 11

THE INCARCERATION since September 3 of senior Congress leader D K Shivakumar in a money-laundering case by the ED assumed caste contours on Wednesday with the dominant Vokkaliga community, to which the former minister belongs, taking out a large rally and protesting against alleged injustice to community members.

More than 20,000 people from the Vokkaliga community, including prominent leaders from the Congress and JDS, participated in the rally held under heavy security in Bengaluru to protest alleged selective targeting of community members like Shivakumar, Cafe Coffee Day founder V G Siddhartha and former JDS chief minister H D Kumaraswamy by the ruling BJP using investigative agencies.

The rally, under the banner of World Vokkaliga Maha Vedike, brought traffic in a major part of Bengaluru to a halt even as community leaders warned of adverse reaction if community members are targeted unjustly.

"Nearly 25,000 participated in the protest rally conducted by Vokkaliga groups, there were no untoward incidents," the Bengaluru police commission said.

After the protest, L R

Shivarame Gowda, a former JDS MP; M V Rajeev Gowda, a Congress MP; Narayana Gowda of the pro-Kannada group Karnataka Rakshana Vedike; JDS MLC Narayanaswamy and Congress member H S Manjunath met Governor Vajubhai Vala and presented a memorandum opposing the targeting of community members by agencies.

"In the present political situation in the state and the country, people's representatives, political leaders and entrepreneurs from the Vokkaliga community are being targeted by the government using its agencies like the I-T department, ED and CBI for political vendetta and this goes against the democratic setup of the country," president of World Vokkaliga Maha Vedike YD Ravishankar said.

Earlier, prominent Congress leaders including state president Dinesh Gundu Rao participated in the Vokkaliga community solidarity meeting in Bengaluru. Rao also accused the BJP government at the Centre of using the I-T department and ED to selectively target political leaders.

The Vokkaligas in southern Karnataka are arch political rivals of the Lingayats of north Karnataka — another dominant community — who are primarily allied with the BJP, with community leader B S Yediyurappa being CM at present.

Though prominent JDS

Vokkaliga leaders like former prime minister H D Deve Gowda and former CM H D Kumaraswamy were not present at the rally, there were indications of broad-based support from the JDS for the Vokkaliga rally.

"Nitish is the captain of the NDA in Bihar and will remain its Captain in the 2020 Assembly elections. When the captain is hitting fours and sixes and defeating rivals by innings, where is the question of any change?" Kumaraswamy said in his Channapatna constituency.

"Investigating agencies of the Centre or state should not be a puppet of the government. Shivakumar is being arrested and his family is tormented out of political vengeance," JDS spokesperson Ramesh Babu said while voicing support for the rally.

BJP ministers from the Vokkaliga community opposed the protests. "The ED arrested Shivakumar to probe a case of money-laundering. Congress giving the arrest a caste colour is high drama. BJP and Centre have no role in this. Investigating agencies are doing their job," Vokkaliga community leader and BJP Revenue Minister R Ashoka said.

The corrupt must be brought to the streets and no one should come to the streets in support of the corrupt," BJP Tourism Minister and Vokkaliga community leader C T Ravi said. "It looks like somebody wants to take undue advantage," Union minister D V Sadananda Gowda said.

Though prominent JDS

EXPLAINED

### Damage control amid political posturing

AS THE seniormost BJP leader and Deputy CM of Bihar, Sushil Kumar Modi has been trying to do damage control by defending Nitish Kumar. Sushil Modi has always stood for him, even inviting the ire of the BJP top leadership by calling Nitish "PM material" in 2012. Ahead of Assembly elections, it is now time for early posturing by both alliance partners. While the BJP feels it is time to assert itself, after the NDA won 39 of 40 Lok Sabha seats in Bihar, the JD(U) is banking on Nitish.

leader if he quits the NDA, said: "If some senior BJP leaders have started questioning Nitish's leadership, one can guess where it is coming from. The BJP-JD(U) relationship could be further strained as the BJP has now

started to prevail over Nitish, who had to play second fiddle to PM Narendra Modi in the Lok Sabha polls."

## CBI arrests Talwar aide in fund misuse case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11

THE CBI on Wednesday arrested a close aide of corporate lobbyist Deepak Talwar in connection with a case of alleged misuse of funds by his NGO Advantage India.

Talwar is also facing a probe by the CBI and Enforcement Directorate for allegedly influencing dubious deals between Air India and foreign aircraft manufacturers leading to massive losses to the exchequer.

The agency has arrested Yasmin Kapoor who allegedly handled day-to-day operations of companies linked to Talwar, sources said. The CBI suspects that Kapoor played an active role in diverting funds received by Advantage India. Sources said Kapoor will be produced in a special CBI court on Thursday.

The case relates to allegations of misutilisation of foreign contribution, which were received under the CSR scheme for carrying out educational and social activities in India.

The funds were allegedly received mainly from a foreign-based company to the tune of Rs 90.72 crore in the bank accounts of a Delhi-based private firm/NGO registered under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 for carrying out social welfare activities in the field of education," a CBI spokesperson had said after registration of FIR in November 2017.



Nirmala Sitharaman and Abhishek Singhvi

Singhvi on Wednesday asked whether, in similar vein, landlords and the millennial generation, who by similar logic would rent homes than buying them, are responsible for the downturn in the real estate sector, and whether the money "overspent by spendthrift overspending homemakers leading to an imbalance in the economy's balance sheet".

Singhvi said the slowdown in GDP growth is "not our fault, is not the Finance Minister's fault, not the Prime Minister's, government's fault...it is because researchers who keep recalculating these figures, whether in the Budget or in the Economic Survey, keep changing methodologies and keep confusing us".

The Congress party took a

jibe at the government on Twitter, stating, "Despite their promise of protecting wealth creators, the government's disastrous policies have wiped away Rs 12.5 lakh crore of investor wealth in the last 100 days. Unlike the FM's excuses, these are the real reasons for it: Demonetisation, GST, Tax Terrorism."

OTP is a randomly generated

number and sent to registered cell-phone numbers and email addresses for validation of transactions online.

Abhendu headed by Chief Justice D N Patel observed that the petitioner, advocate Amit Sahnih, did not show anything to the effect that OTP is mandatory for online purchases made in India. "It appears that OTP is not always required within India. It all depends on the facts and circumstances of the case," the bench said.

Observing that this is "mere ap-

prehension of being cheated", the bench said it does not warrant any specific direction. "Hence the writ petition is dismissed."

The PIL by Sahnih had sought the court's direction to the Reserve Bank of India and the Finance Ministry to use OTP or any other layer of security to put account-holders to notice before they make online payments on international websites. He also prayed that the authorities should ask banks to not release any amount

using debit or credit cards that allow deduction without entering a PIN or password.

The bench, in the presence of Central government's senior panel counsel Nagender Benipal, said that making payments on international websites is a "voluntarily" act. "You want to use their (international) websites but don't want to abide by their conditions. Why go for foreign products when Indian (products) are available easily in the market."

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4	Last date receipt of Bid	Date:- 27.09.2019 upto 05.00 PM
5	Last date submission cost of BOQ and EMD (in hard copy)	Date:- 28.09.2019 upto 03.00 PM in the office of the Executive Engineer, D. W. & S. Division, Hazaribagh Superintending Engineer, D. W. & S. Circle, Hazaribagh
6	Date of opening tender	Date:- 30.09.2019 at 11.00 AM

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4. ई-निविदा का बेक्साईट पर प्रकाशन की तिथि	13.09.19 के 11:00 बजे पूर्वाह्न से
5. बीड खुलने की तिथि एवं समय	27.09.19 के 02.00 बजे अपराह्न तक
6. ई-प्रोक्यूरेमेंट सेल का साधक सहायता नम्बर	06432-232477
7. ई-निविदा का अमियत करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पासा	कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय सिंचाई प्रमण्डल सं-2, रिकिटिया (देवघर)
8. ई-प्रोक्यूरेमेंट आधिकारी का सम्पर्क नं	9472709310

नोट:- केवल ई-टेलर को ही मान्यता दी जायेगी। अन्य जानकारी के लिए बेक्साईट <http://jharkhand.gov.in> देखें। प्रावक्तिरत राशि में परिवर्तन संबंध है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय सिंचाई प्रमण्डल सं-2, रिकिटिया (देवघर) परिवर्तन संबंधी हो जायेगा।

ई-प्रोक्यूरेमेंट सेल का साधक सहायता नम्बर

P.R.216626 Water Resource(19-20):D बूद - बूद नहीं बरतेंगे तो बूद को तरसेंगे। सिंचाई प्रमण्डल सं-2, सिकिटिया(देवघर)

**झारखण्ड सरकार ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (ग्राहकोमामले)**  
मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय 102, द्वितीय तल्ला, अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी रोड, रांची  
ई-अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा आमत्रण सूचना

ई-निविदा संख्या:- 43/R/2019-20/RDD(RWA)/CHATRA दिनांक : 11.09.2019

मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विभाग(ग्राहकोमामले), झारखण्ड, रांची द्वारा निन्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमत्रित की जाती है।

क्र. सं	आईडीनंदी फिल्मेन्ट संस्था / कंपनी लकड़ी	कार्य का नाम	अंक में	अधर में	कार्य समाप्ति की तिथि	टेलर की तिथि
1.	RDD(RWA)/ CHATRA/01/ 2019-20	कर्म भौंड से सादारन नदी तक पानी का सुरक्षितकरण कार्य (ल- 15 - 20 पानी)	3,37,69,621.00	तीन चंद्र रोडी सालाल उन्नतरां हासा छ. सी. इक्विल 80 मात्र	15 माह	द्वितीय

2. येक्साईट में निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि :- 18.09.2019  
3. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अधिक समय :- 26.09.2019 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे।  
4. निविदा निविदा का राशि, रांची का राशि, शायें पात्र के मूल प्रति एवं अपलोड किये गये तकनीकी योग्यता दस्तावेज की एक प्रति जमा करने की तिथि।  
27.09.2019 प्राप्ति का 10.00 बजे से अपराह्न 3.30 बजे तक।  
5. निविदा खत्म होने की तिथि एवं समय :- 30.09.2019 पूर्वाह्न 11.30 बजे।  
6. निविदा आमत्रित करने वाले प्रावक्तिरत करने एवं पानी - मुख्य अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विभाग (ग्राहकोमामले), झारखण्ड, रांची, 102 द्वितीय तल्ला अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी रोड, रांची।  
7. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति का दूसरा सं-1065-2207818  
8. निविदा जुलूस मरम्मत रेस्ट बैंक द्वारा निविदा ई-प्रोक्यूरेमेंट के साथ में कार्यपालक अभियंता, प्रामाणी विकास विभाग (ग्राहकोमामले), झारखण्ड, रांची, 102 द्वितीय तल्ला अभियंत्रण भवन, कचहरी रोड, रांची।  
नोट:- निविदा के लिए खाता खोला जाएगा।

PR216579 Rural Work Department(19-20)D बूद - बूद नहीं बरतेंगे तो बूद को तरसेंगे।

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No. 7848 Date: 10.09.2019  
NOTICE INVITING BID

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The Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, Odisha, Bhubaneswar on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites proposals for Consultancy Services for engagement of Authority's Engineer (AE) for supervision of Mega Piped Water Supply projects on the basis of National Competitive Bidding for the works detailed in the table given below. The firm is advised to examine carefully all instructions in the RFP Document.

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			From	To	
1	RFP for Consultancy Services for Authority Engineer (AE) Services for Puri District	EIC, RWSS-6/19-20	24 months (Twenty Four Months)	17.00 hours of 19.9.2019	17.00 hours of 2.11.2019
2	RFP for Consultancy Services for Authority Engineer (AE) Services for Sambalpur District	EIC, RWSS-7/19-20	24 months (Twenty Four Months)	17.00 hours of 19.9.2019	17.00 hours of 2.11.2019
3	RFP for Consultancy Services for Authority Engineer (AE) Services for Nabarangapur District	EIC, RWSS-8/19-20	24 months (Twenty Four Months)	17.00 hours of 19.9.2019	17.00 hours of 2.11.2019
4	RFP for Consultancy Services for Authority Engineer (AE) Services for Jharsuguda District	EIC, RWSS-9/19-20	24 months (Twenty Four Months)	17.00 hours of 19.9.2019	17.00 hours of 2.11.2019

Name & Address of officer inviting RFP:  
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Sd/10.09.2019  
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Engineer-in Chief, RWS&S(O)

**कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल सं. 1, धनबाद अति-अल्पकालीन ई-प्रोक्यूरेमेंट निविदा सूचना (तृतीय आमत्रण)**

निविदा सूचना संख्या-DHANBAD-1/OandM/03/2019-20 (3<sup>rd</sup> call) दिनांक - 11.09.2019

1 कार्य का नाम

Operation and Maintenance services of 77 MLD WTP at Bhetaland, Intake works at Gogna, Maithan Dam, Raw water rising mains 1000 mm dia D.I. K-9 44 kms from Maithan Dam to Bhetaland WTP. Clear water rising mains D.I. K-9 800mm to 200mm B6.17 kms. Clear water distribution mains 600mm to 100mm dia 340.60 kms in Dhanbad City, water supply scheme for two year. Excluding the energy cost and raw water cost. Daily water supply 45 MLD approx.

2 प्रावक्तिरत राशि 70.3832 लाख

3 अधिकारी की अधिकारी 7.81 लाख

4 कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि 24 माह

5 बेक्साईट पर प्रकाशन का संस्थान की तिथि एवं समय 13.09.2019, 4.00 बजे अपराह्न तक।

6 प्री बीड मॉटरों की तिथि एवं समय 20.09.2019, 11.30 बजे पूर्वाह्न

7 अधिकारी की अधिकारी की तिथि एवं समय 26.09.2019, 5.00 बजे अपराह्न तक।

8 परिमाण विपर्य का मूल्य एवं अधिकारी की तिथि जमा करने की तिथि, समय 13.09.2019, 4.00 बजे अपराह्न तक।

9 तकनीकी बीड खाली की तिथि एवं समय 30.09.2019, 03.00 बजे अपराह्न

10 निविदा आमत्रित करने वाले प्रावक्तिरत की तिथि एवं समय कार्यपालक अभियंता एवं पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल सं. 1, धनबाद की पास।

11 ई-प्रोक्यूरेमेंट का सम्पर्क 0326-2311259

12 ई-प्रोक्यूरेमेंट का हेल्प लाईन 0651-2480345

विस्तृत जानकारी हेल्प बेक्साईट नं- <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता, पेयजल एवं स्वच्छता प्रमण्डल सं. 1, धनबाद

जिसे अब तक ना समझें, वो कहांही हैं, जुहु बवांह मान करो याहां हैं।

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## RAJASTHAN

## Police: Car in RSS chief's convoy hits bike, 6-yr-old dies

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
JAIPUR, SEPTEMBER 11

A SIX-YEAR-OLD boy died and his grandfather, aged 66, was grievously injured after a vehicle that was allegedly part of RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's cavalcade hit the latter's motorcycle in Alwar district on Wednesday.

"My brother Chetram Yadav, 66, was returning home from a clinic on a motorbike around noon with his six-year-old grandson, Sachin, when he was hit by a car in Bhagwat's convoy," Kartar Singh, 49, told *The Indian Express*.

Chetram, sarpanch of Sheopur village in Mundawar tehsil of the district, had taken Sachin to the clinic after the boy complained of stomach ache, Singh said.

Sachin died on the spot; Chetram was referred to a hospital in Jaipur.

In a statement, the RSS stated that Bhagwat stopped his convoy as soon as he learnt about the accident and resumed his journey to Behror only after sending the

two to hospital in an ambulance in his cavalcade.

Singh denied this. "Had he actually stopped and sent Sachin to a hospital through his ambulance, then the boy's life might have been saved," he said.

Confirming that the car was part of Bhagwat's cavalcade, Sub Inspector at Mundawar police station Ramswaroop Bairwa said an FIR has been lodged under different sections of IPC. Following the accident, local residents blocked the road. Singh said, "We wanted the police to tell us the name of the driver and the registration number of the vehicle. They told us the vehicle is registered in Jaipur."

He said the accident took place on Mundawar-Harsoli road. "There was a jammer (vehicle) in Bhagwat's convoy which was trying to overtake another vehicle. In the process, the jammer came on the wrong side of the road and hit my brother's motorbike," he said. Bhagwat was returning from a programme in Tijara area.

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KERALA DEMOLITION  
Residents move SC with curative pleaEXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11

RESIDENTS OF one of the apartment complexes in Maradu municipality of Kerala's Ernakulam district, which are facing demolition for violation of Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) norms, approached the Supreme Court with a curative petition on Wednesday.

The petitioners, residents of Golden Kayaloram apartments, also filed an application urging the court to hear the curative petition in open court.

The move comes less than a week ahead of the deadline set by the apex court for demolition of the flats. On September 6, a bench of Justices Arun Mishra and M R Shah declined to give the state any more time to carry out the demolition. The bench directed that the demolition exercise be completed and a compliance report be filed by September 20.

A bench of Justices Mishra and Navin Sinha had on May 8 ordered demolition of five apartment complexes comprising over 300 flats for flouting CRZ guidelines. The court directed that the structures be demolished in a month.

Subsequently, the Kerala State Coastal Zone Management Authority approached the court, which was on summer vacation, with an application for extension of time to carry out the demolition. The plea came up before a vacation bench of Justices Arun Mishra and M R Shah which rejected it on May 21.

Later, groups of flat owners approached the court with fresh petitions, saying they had not been heard by a committee which drew up the report on the alleged violations. Hearing these on June 10, another vacation bench of Justices Indira Banerjee and Ajay Rastogi said judicial propriety demands that the petitions be heard by the same bench which ordered the demolition. However, the bench also ordered a stay on the demolitions until further orders.

When it again came up for hearing on July 5, the bench of Justices Mishra and Shah was critical of the other bench for passing the stay order.

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**APPENDIX IV**  
[Under Rule 8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]  
**POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)**

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The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/co-borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of the Property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rule on this 6th Day of September of the year Two Thousand and Nineteen.

The borrower/ co-borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Aditya Birla Finance Limited, 2nd Floor, UCO Building, 5, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001 for an amount Rs. 4,45,00,307.72 (Rupees Four Crores Forty Five Lacs Three Hundred Seven and Seventy Two Paise Only) and interest thereon.

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No. ED/KEA/ADMN/CR-42/2018-19 Date: 11-09-2019

**NOTIFICATION**

Revision of UGNEET-2019 score for admission to BDS courses

Registration for names list

As GOI has reduced UGNEET-2019 score for admission to BDS courses and as per the communication by DME, Karnataka in their letter dated 11-09-2019, KEA has enabled the online registration upto 10.30 am on 13-09-2019 to the candidates who become eligible due to reduction of NEET UG score and who wish to be considered in the BDS names list. If any eligible candidate who have not registered with KEA earlier and who wish to be considered in the BDS admission names list can also register online. The details of percentile reduced are hosted on the KEA Website. Document verification will be conducted on 13-09-2019 from 11.00am to 1.30pm in KEA, Bangalore. Eligible candidates are hereby informed to read the instructions hosted on KEA Website <http://kea.kar.nic.in> for more details.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Final Result for the post of Junior Scale Stenographer (Both Languages) for Various Boards/Corporations and Departments against Advt. No. 12/2015, Cat No. 06.

On the basis of Written Examination (Online Computer Based), Shorthand & Transcription test and Scrutiny of Documents and interview/Viva-Voce the post of Junior Scale Stenographer (Both languages), against Advt. No. 12/2015, Cat. No. 06 for Various Boards/Corporations and Departments, the Commission has finalised and declared the result. The result has been shown Roll No. wise and category wise and the marks secured by the last selected candidate in each category have been shown in the bracket.

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1215604713 1215604796 1215605001 1215605046 1215605050 1215605050 (131)

General Waiting

1215600138 1215600343 1215600371 1215600447 1215600543 1215600862 1215601047  
1215601201 1215601419 1215601501 1215601674 1215601977 1215602070 1215602236  
1215602292 1215602309 1215602453 1215602506 1215602749 1215602829 1215602883  
1215603064 1215603324 1215604158 1215604623 1215604765 1215604835 1215604990 (121)

SC (10 Posts)

1215600333 1215600676 1215601281 1215601348 1215602447 1215602794 1215602864 (110)

SC Waiting

1215601319 1215602827 1215603457 1215604962 (103)

BCA (04 Posts)

1215601072 1215602274 1215603171 1215604911 (127)

BCA Waiting

1215602534 (123)

BCB (03 Posts)

1215600340 1215601919 1215603436 (122)

BCB Waiting

1215603717 (119)

ESM GEN (02 Posts)

1215601175 1215605176 (100)

ESM SC (02 Posts)

1215600111 1215600120 (108)

ESM BCA (01 Post)

1215601022 (127)

ESM BCB (02 Posts)

1215600588 1215601905 (100)

OSP SC (02 Posts)

1215601742 1215602607 (107)

OSP BCA (01 Posts)

1215604286 (126)

OH (01 Posts)

1215602551 (127)

## महाराष्ट्र शासन

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## निविदा सूचना क्र. ३३ सन २०१९-२०

## ई-निविदा (ऑनलाइन)

कार्यकारी अभियंता, सार्वजनिक बांधकाम (उत्तर रत्नागिरी क्र. २२३५०५) महाराष्ट्र शासनाच्या सा. बा. खात्याकडे योग्य त्या वर्तातल नोंदवीकृत कंत्रादारांनाही खालील कामाकरिता ब-१ नमूद्यातील निविदा ई-निविदा प्रणालीद्वारा ऑनलाईन मागवीत आवेदी.

अ. क्र. कामाचे नाव अंदाजित फिल्म रु. इस्तरा रकम काम पूर्व करण्याचा ई-निविदा नोंदवी वर्ता

क्रित रु. रुपये कालावधी किंवरुने वर्ग-प अव त्यावरील

१ राजापूर घोणे दोनिवें सूदां रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (प्रजिमा-६८) कि. मी. ०/० ते १५/३५०. ता. राजापूर

२ राजापूर घारांके रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (राजापूर-१६१) कि. मी. ०/० ते १६/००. ता. राजापूर

३ राजापूर केलवीली जवळीकर रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (केलवीली तिथावील शाखेस) (प्रजिमा-३३) कि. मी. ०/० ते ३२/१००. ता. राजापूर

४ राजापूर घोपेश्वर पन्हाळे गोवळ तिवारी बुरंगवाडी रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (प्रजिमा-७१) कि. मी. ०/० ते २१/२००. ता. राजापूर

५ रेवळ रेही रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (रस्त्याचा-४) कि. मी. ६.१०/५० ते ६२/१००. ता. राजापूर

६ कांडवे तळावार मोसम रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (प्रजिमा-६७) कि. मी. ०/० ते ११/१००. ता. राजापूर

७ हातिवले तळापूर रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (राजापूर-७०) कि. मी. १३/०० ते २३/१००. ता. राजापूर

८ वारूल मांडवकरवाडी कोंडिवरे सूदां कुम्भारवाडी रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (प्रजिमा-७०) कि. मी. ०/० ते २०/००. ता. राजापूर

९ विठ्ठांग मध्यापूर अणुकुरा सावंतवा वापस रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (रामा-१५०) कि. मी. १५२/६० ते १६८/४००. ता. राजापूर

१० गोवळांग जोजवाळी वाल्ये तांदिवडे याळे ताळक कुंभवडे नाणांग रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (प्रजिमा-४५) कि. मी. ०/० ते ३५/१००. ता. राजापूर

११ रेवळ रेही रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (रस्त्याचा-४) कि. मी. ६.२२/०० ते ६२/१५०. ता. राजापूर

१२ हातिवले तळावार रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (राजापूर-७४) कि. मी. ०/० ते ८/१००. ता. राजापूर

१३ हातिवले तळापूर रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (प्रजिमा-१००) कि. मी. ०/० ते १३/००. ता. राजापूर

१४ गवळखी अंदिवर घारांके रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (प्रजिमा-४४) कि. मी. ६.००/३० ते ६.१०/५०. ता. राजापूर

१५ गंगवडी कांडिवर घारांके रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (प्रजिमा-४५) कि. मी. ५७२/१५७ ते ६००/३५०. ता. राजापूर

१६ तुळजळ कळवडे विष्णुवीली तांवीली अंदवळी कळवडे विष्णुवीली आंवेसह रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (प्रजिमा-४६) कि. मी. ०/० ते २५/१००. ता. संगमेश्वर

१७ रामामा क्र. १६६ ते तळकाटे तुळसीनी देवरखन मालेंगर कळवडारा (मालेंगर आंवेसह) रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (रामा-१४७) कि. मी. ०/० ते ३२/१००. ता. संगमेश्वर

१८ रामामा क्र. १६६ ते तळकाटे तुळसीनी देवरखन मालेंगर कळवडारा (मालेंगर आंवेसह) रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (रामा-१४७) कि. मी. ३२/१०० ते ४७/१००.

१९ देवरखन हरवडे बेलारी कुडी (बेलारी आंवेसह) रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (प्रजिमा-५०) कि. मी. ०/० ते १७/७५०. ता. संगमेश्वर

२० देवरखन मातुमंत्रिर ओंशेर विष्णुवीली सोनवडे मुचीरी कळवडर कळवडी (ओंशेर आंवेसह) रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (प्रजिमा-४६) कि. मी. ०/० ते २५/००. ता. संगमेश्वर

२१ सारखाव घेंखावी कुवळे किरवडे देवरखन मालेंगर कळवडारा (मालेंगर आंवेसह) रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (रामा-१४७) कि. मी. ०/० ते २९/१००. ता. संगमेश्वर

२२ खरेवोत कोंकर नायवी कळवडी कासे पेढावे (माखजणा नारऱ्युल आंवेसह) रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (प्रजिमा-३८) कि. मी. १३३/०० ते २५/००. ता. संगमेश्वर

२३ पोंचवी पचवीरी कुरुदंडा कोंकवे तांलज कोंसूब बोरसूत कुवळे फासवळे रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (प्रजिमा-४४) कि. मी. ०/० ते २१/१००. ता. संगमेश्वर

२४ संगमेश्वर नायवी निवळी तेजला हृद (तिकवे शाखेसह) रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (प्रजिमा-४७) कि. मी. ०/० ते २१/००. ता. संगमेश्वर

२५ दाभाळे लाजा रुण साठेली राजापूर रस्त्याची वापस रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (रामा-१६८) कि. मी. ०/० ते २४/१००. ता. लाजा.

२६ विठ्ठांग मध्यापूर अणुकुरा साठेली वापस रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (रामा-१५०) कि. मी. १००/१२० ते १२०/१२०. ता. लाजा.

२७ दाभाळे लाजा रुण साठेली राजापूर रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (रामा-१७०) कि. मी. १००/१२० ते १२०/१२०. ता. लाजा.

२८ दाभाळे पांचवीरी दाभाळे तांवील तांवील वापस रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (प्रजिमा-४८) कि. मी. ०/० ते ३६/१००. ता. लाजा.

२९ दाभाळे पांचवीरी दाभाळे तांवील तांवील वापस रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (प्रजिमा-४८) कि. मी. ०/० ते २८/१००. ता. लाजा.

३० विठ्ठांग मध्यापूर अणुकुरा साठेली वापस रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (रामा-१५०) कि. मी. १३३/१०० ते १५३/१००. ता. राजापूर

३१ मूर कांजिंग रस्ता (प्रजिमा-६६) कि. मी. ०/० ते ७०/००. ता. राजापूर

३२ राजापूर कांजिंग रस्ता (प्रजिमा-७२) कि. मी. ०/० ते २७/१००. ता. राजापूर

३३ कुडी जाभारी खंडाळा वरवडे मालवी गणपतीपुळे कळवडरांती बालगी रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (प्रजिमा-४८) कि. मी. ५७०/१०० ते ५८५/१००. ता. रस्तापूर

३४ पोंचवीरी कुरुदंडा कोंकवे नांदजळ कोंसूब बोरसूत कुवळे फासवळे रस्त्याची दिवारिक दुरुस्ती करणे. (प्रजिमा-४८) कि. मी. २१/००

३५ रिलोज टेंडर/ डाक्नलोड दिनांक ९.९.२०१९ रोजी वेळ सकाळी १०.०० ते दिनांक ९.९.२०१९ वेळ सायं. १८.०० वाजपैर्यत

३६ बींड प्रीपरेशन दिनांक ९.९.२०१९ रोजी वेळ सकाळी १०.०० ते दिनांक ९.९.२०१९ वेळ सायं. १८.०० वाजपैर्यत

३७ टेक्निकल/कमर्शिअल इन्हलोप दिनांक ९.९.२०१९ रोजी वेळ सकाळी १०.०० वाजपैर्यत यांव्या आंव्या ओपनिंग

३८ १) टेक्निकल : दि. १८.९.२०१९ सकाळी १०.०० वाजपैर्यत. २) कमर्शिअल : दि. १८.९.२०१९ सकाळी १०.०० वाजपैर्यत.

टीप : १) सर्व पात्र/इच्छुक निविदाकारांनी निविदापत्रक डाळनलोड करण्यासाठी व निविदा प्रक्रियेत भाग घेण्यासाठी ई-निविदा प्रणालीया [mahatender.gov.in](http://mahatender.gov.in) वर enrolled करणे आवश्यक आहे.

२. निविदाकारांना वर नमूद केलेल्या संकेतस्थापक ऑनलाईन निविदा सादर करणे संदर्भात काही शंका/अडचणी असल्यास त्यांनी खालील क्रमांकावर संरक्ष साधारण. (पूर्वी द्वारू द्वारू यांवी) दह १८००२३३७३१५(उद्दल फॉ)

३. निविदाकारांनी निविदासंदर्भात सर्व दस्तऐवज ऑनलाईन सादर करणे अनिवार्य राहील.

४. इतर अटी व शरी ई-निविदा नमूद्यात्यांवय पावरायास मिळालील. सादर कामाची एक अथवा सर्व ई-निविदा कोणतेही कारण न देता करण्याचे अधिकारी सादर करावार कामाची राखून ठेवले आहेत.

जा. क्र. प्राप्तार्डी/व्ही/ठी/ठी/३/१११३

कार्यकारी अभियंता यांवी कार्यालयी

उत्तर रत्नागिरी (सा.बा.) विभाग, रत्नागिरी

## TELLING NUMBERS

What Rajya Sabha MPs earned from directorships, professions



## PECUNIARY INTERESTS OF 213 MPs

Type of pecuniary interest	MPs who have declared interests
Remunerative directorship	24 (11.3%)
Regular remunerated activity	30 (14.1%)
Shareholding of controlling nature	44 (20.7%)
Paid consultancy	2 (0.9%)
Professional engagement	40 (18.8%)

A REPORT by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR) and New Election Watch has analysed the pecuniary interests declared by 213 sitting members of Rajya Sabha. Seventeen Rajya Sabha MPs have not submitted their declarations.

Among the 213 MPs who did submit declarations, 124 (58%) declared 'NA' or 'nil' for interests under the five heads under which MPs are required to make declarations. These are remunerative directorship; regular remunerated activity; shareholding of a controlling nature; paid consultancy; and professional engagement.

**Remunerative directorship:** 24 MPs declared that they have some financial interest in this form. The highest amount received for remunerative directorship was declared by D Kupendra Reddy of JD(S) in Karnataka, at Rs 40.68 crore per year, followed by Rajeev Chandrasekhar (BJP, Karnataka) at Rs 7.03 crore and Abdul Wahab (IULM, Kerala) at Rs 3.34 crore. The maximum number of directorships was declared by Gokulakrishnan (AIADMK, Puducherry) who holds seven of these.

**Regular remunerated activity:** 30 (14.1%) MPs declared that they have a financial interest in this form. The highest amount received from regular remunerated activity was declared by Mahesh Poddar (BJP, Jharkhand) at Rs 3.18 crore per annum, followed by Mary Kom (BJP, nominated) at Rs 2.50 crore per annum, and Swapna Dasgupta (nominated) at Rs 66.60 lakh per year.

**Shareholding of controlling nature:** Forty-four (20.7%) MPs declared such interests. The highest amount was declared by Ravindra Kishore Sinha (BJP, Bihar) at Rs 747.00, 72,077. Abhishek Manu Singhvi (Congress, West Bengal) at Rs 386,13,96,530. Kalkde Sanjay Dattatraya (Independent, Maharashtra) at Rs 262,45,79,340.

**Paid consultancy:** Only two MPs declared they have financial interests in the form of paid consultancy, KTS

REMUNERATIVE DIRECTORSHIP, TOP EARNERS	
D Kupendra Reddy	₹ 40,68,00,000/yr
Rajeev	₹ 7,03,80,000/yr
Chandrasekhar	
Abdul Wahab	₹ 3,34,23,496/yr

REGULAR REMUNERATED ACTIVITY INCOME	
Mathesh Poddar	₹ 3,18,00,000
Mary Kom	₹ 2,50,00,000
Swapna Dasgupta	₹ 66,60,000
Kalkde	₹ 262,45,79,340
Sanjay Dattatraya	

Source: ADR

Tulsi (nominated) declared Rs 27.50 lakh under this head, while Dr Vikas Haribhau Mahatme (BJP, Maharashtra) declared Rs 5.60 lakh.

**Professional engagements:** 40 (18.8%) MPs declared financial interests in the form of professional engagement. Singhvi earned Rs 177 crore from such engagements, followed by P Chidambaram (Congress, Maharashtra) with Rs 33 crore, and Tulsi with Rs 27.67 crore.

**No pecuniary interest:** Among the 124 MPs who declared NA/nil under each of the above heads, 104 (48.8%) own total assets worth more than Rs 1 crore as declared in their election affidavits. The top four are T Subbarami Reddy (Congress, Andhra Pradesh) with assets of Rs 422.44 crore, followed by C M Ramesh (TDP, Andhra Pradesh) with Rs 258.20 crore, the late Arun Jaitley (BJP, Uttar Pradesh) with Rs 111.42 crore, and Ambika Soni (Congress, Punjab) with Rs 105.82 crore.

MALLICA JOSHI  
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CHIEF MINISTER Arvind Kejriwal said last week that pollution levels in Delhi, primarily the concentration of particulate matter, has reduced by 25% over a period of four years.

Five years ago, in 2014, a global study on air quality trends by the World Health Organisation had declared Delhi the most polluted city in the world. Since then, the Centre, states and courts have taken several steps to arrest pollution in the city.

## What the data show

Delhi, through its pollution control committee, started monitoring air quality in real time only in 2010. It started out with four stations — in R K Puram, Punjabi Bagh, Anand Vihar, and Mandir Marg. The number of stations was increased to 26 last year.

It was in 2012 that Delhi saw its worst air quality, a senior official of the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) said. "We felt the full force of crop-residue burning that year, especially in October and November. It was the first time that this burning was seriously flagged. We realised this was a big reason for the sudden dip in air quality in Delhi," he said.

But since 2012, the average annual concentration of particulate matter — the primary cause of pollution in the city — has been falling. Gradual in the beginning, the dip has been sharper between 2015 and 2018. (See chart)

Particulate matter, according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), is a mixture of solid particles and liquid droplets in air. Some particles can be seen with the naked eye; others can only be detected under a microscope. In Delhi's air, the primary pollutants are PM2.5 (inhalable particles of diameter 2.5 micrometres and smaller) and PM10 (10 micrometres and smaller).

## PM2.5

DPCC data from 2012 to 2019 show 2018 saw the lowest average concentration of PM2.5. In 2012, the annual average was 160 micrograms per cubic metre; it came down 20% to 128 micrograms/cubic m in 2018.

Despite a tough first three months, owing primarily to adverse weather, air quality improved consistently for the rest of the year.

The most polluted months of the year are November, December and January, with pollution peaking in November, monthly averages between 2012 and 2018 show.

It is in November that the highest volume of crop residue is burnt in Haryana, Punjab and UP. It is also when temperatures fall and humidity rises, aiding the increase in con-

## OVER THE YEARS, GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT

MONTHLY CITY AVERAGE\* OF PM2.5 (µg/m<sup>3</sup>)

MONTHS	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Jan	228	242	252	208	281	180	265	215
Feb	157	153	163	163	145	124	159	127
Mar	152	135	98	88	96	91	110	86
Apr	115	117	123	90	115	112	94	82
May	150	162	113	118	90	107	93	92
Jun	128	95	107	97	65	70	82	62
Jul	101	58	82	56	42	43	39	46
Aug	59	61	93	61	41	45	39	33
Sep	94	78	65	72	60	65	44	
Oct	217	164	163	139	154	180	142	
Nov	314	287	273	267	301	301	221	
Dec	208	261	244	243	238	240	243	
MIN	59	58	65	56	41	43	39	33
MAX	314	287	273	267	301	301	265	215
Avg	160	151	148	133	136	130	128	93

\*City average is calculated from 2012-2017 for 4 stations & for 2018-2019 for 26 stations

MONTHLY CITY AVERAGE\* OF PM10 (µg/m<sup>3</sup>)

MONTHS	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Jan	352	456	407	327	473	303	427	343
Feb	313	371	355	306	292	294	314	227
Mar	391	362	271	216	186	250	265	193
Apr	257	329	344	267	312	326	286	249
May	397	378	326	343	311	277	272	268
Jun	392	225	337	233	223	217	313	225
Jul	183	116	188	155	121	125	107	149
Aug	119	288	237	171	119	129	124	84
Sep	268	231	187	239	199	149	121	
Oct	484	369	306	331	366	378	321	
Nov	637	629	531	492	575	464	373	
Dec	419	499	402	466	424	407	405	
MIN	119	116	187	155	119	125	107	84
MAX	637	629	531	492	575	464	427	343
Avg	351	354	324	295	300	277	277	217

\*City average from 2012-2017 based on 4 stations & for 2018-2019 on 26 stations. Source: DPCC

centration of pollutants in the air. Locally, the burning of leaves picks up in November.

However, as the chart shows, PM2.5 concentrations have fallen over the years — in November as well as in the 'cleaner' months of July, August and September.

## PM10

Between 2012 and 2018, the concentration of PM10 reduced by 21% from an average 351 micrograms/cubic m to 277 micrograms/cubic m. PM10 is more prominent in the air in winter, primarily because of open burning and road and construction dust.

Until August this year, Delhi's performance in terms of PM10 concentration has been encouraging. In August, the average concentration fell to double digits for the first time since 2012; in 2013, this figure was as high as 288 micrograms/cubic m.

Experts believe have made a big difference.

There are, however, two things that experts believe have been done completely locally that have made a big difference.

"Open burning has been largely curtailed in the city. Earlier, as soon as autumn arrived,

piles of leaves would be set on fire — but stringent fines now have meant the practice

is almost disappeared. The second thing is

the regulation of construction activity. While

not as successful as the ban on open burning, regular enforcement drives have meant

that whenever a ban is ordered, it is largely followed," the first DPCC officer said.

Shutting of the two thermal power plants

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## NITISH VS WHO

The poster wars in Bihar are an early intimation of the 2020 assembly polls, and larger political trends

**I**N TIMES WHEN A BJP in permanent campaign mode sets the tone, no election is too far away. It is no surprise, then, that the drumbeats of the 2020 assembly polls can already be heard in Bihar. The JD(U) has reacted aggressively to a publicly aired suggestion from the BJP camp that Chief Minister Nitish Kumar should now move to the Centre, leaving Bihar to the care of the Modi-BJP and, to a lesser extent presumably, his own party's second rung. Senior BJP leader and Nitish's deputy Sushil Kumar Modi's tweet in support of "captain" Nitish may not have had the desired calming effect on the controversy, given the curious fact that he tweeted, deleted and then re-tweeted the same remark. And that is not all. The JD(U) has tweaked its Nitish-centric poster campaign after the RJD labelled the earlier one — "Kyun karein vichar, thikke toh hai Nitish Kumar (why should we think again when Nitish Kumar is doing fine)" — as "defeatist". Meanwhile, the RJD poster promoting the idea of a "Tejashwi sarkar" in 2020 has provoked its ally, Congress, to point out that the question of the chief ministerial candidate is still open. The war of words and posters that has begun in Bihar is telling.

It speaks of the unease and discomfort within the two main alliances, the BJP-JD(U) on one side and the RJD-Congress on the other, in a state that was, not too long ago, and till Nitish Kumar switched sides again, being seen as the starting point of the combined Opposition's challenge to the might of the rising BJP. More significantly, in a state where the fundamental bijli-sadak-paani issues are still works-in-progress, and where the turnaround story of the first two Nitish tenures has plateaued, the current political exchange shows how personalities threaten to overtake Bihar's issues and even eclipse them. In a sense, that last bit was foretold. The Modi campaign has set the template for all other parties — they can resist the temptation to mimic its presidential thrust and style at their own peril. It is also true that in a state where parties are weakly institutionalised, politics has long been dominated by personalities anyway. Yet, the promotion of Modi, Nitish and Tejashwi by their respective parties in Bihar today is significant.

The state that has often been a fore-runner of national political trends — be it in terms of the possibilities and then the limits of "social justice", or the balance that "samajik nyay" must strike with development or "vikas" — is again a signpost to the future. No longer can issue-based politics be seen in neat-and-tidy opposition to personality-centric politics, it says. The dividing line between the two is blurring inexorably. As in Bihar, so also elsewhere, the political challenge for all players in the time of Modi may be this: To articulate the issue and to tell the story through the persona of the leader.

## MIS-SPEAKER

Om Birla's remarks on Brahmin superiority were misjudged, and ill behove his high office

**I**N INDIA, CASTE can be as mysterious as Schrodinger's cat. Those who have for centuries enjoyed the capital that accrues from being on "top" of an entrenched system of inequality believe it does not exist, either as prejudice or power. But then they believe it does, especially when those pinned down as "lower" castes challenge the hierarchy and ask for their due. It is common, therefore, for reservations to be derided as "casteism". While that is an old, self-serving evasion, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla's recent speech is striking for its barefaced endorsement of the logic of the caste system. Appropriately enough, Birla was speaking at a meeting in Rajasthan meant to help Brahmin families choose Brahmin spouses for their sons and daughters — strict endogamy is what has sustained the caste order for centuries. The BJP leader went on to laud Brahmins for traditionally occupying the uchcha sthan (apex position) in society, a position, he argued, they deserved by virtue of their birth. This was no innocent hyperbole from a politician constrained by the need to keep his constituents happy. Nor was this a reference to caste within a policy framework that seeks to redress deprivation caused by discrimination. This was a heedless extolling of the inequality which has for aeons hobbled Indian society, morally, politically and economically.

Caste is, of course, a tangible, material reality in India — and hence, inescapably political. Leaders like Lalu Prasad, Mulayam Singh Yadav and Mayawati stand for an older mobilisation around caste identity that sought more power for the bahujan communities. The mammoth 2019 victory of the Narendra Modi-led NDA has been read, in some quarters, as a blunting of that caste politics, and a flattening of the micro-divisions within society by a larger belief system, be it Hindutva or nationalism. Birla's comment, however, reveals an anxiety within the BJP, which professes belief in an amelioration of the inequities of Hindu society while shirking a meaningful or radical anti-caste politics.

But the contradictions of ideology cannot be used to condone Birla's misstep. As someone sworn to uphold the Constitution, which guarantees that the state cannot deny equality of law to any citizen on the basis of caste, religion or birth, he cannot be seen to legitimise the hierarchies that exist in Indian public life, that find enough endorsement in religion and tradition and social practice. Unlike in quantum mechanics, there can be no ambiguity in the politics of the Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament when it comes to his commitment to the letter and spirit of the Constitution.

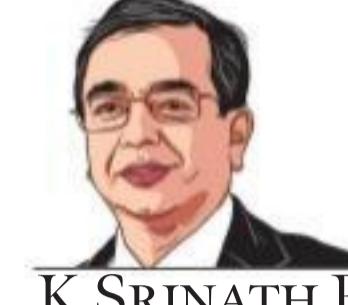
## IN DIFFERENT WORLDS

Enid Blyton stirred the imagination of the young. Her legacy survives the criticisms

**I**N ENID BLYTON'S *The Enchanted Wood* (1939), a tree that tears through the skies captivates the story's young protagonists, Jo, Fanny, and Bessie. At the treetop, the kids discover a ladder which takes them through the clouds to a magical land — sometimes welcoming, sometimes not — every time they climb up. The good folks at the Royal Mint of the United Kingdom, it would appear, have ascended a similar ladder. But unfortunately, the Bank's officials seem to have become witness to a landscape where Blyton's blemishes are the only distinguishing features of her literary arc. They have reportedly blocked plans to unveil a 50-pence coin commemorating Blyton. Because it would have led to a backlash due to the author's "racist, sexist and homophobic views".

Blyton built entire worlds for children. From popular mysteries such as *The Famous Five*, *Five Find-Outers*, *Malory Towers* to stand-alone characters like Noddy, her books captured the imagination of children across the world. From "crusty loaves", bacon, "crisp lettuces, dewy and cool" to "jugs of creamy milk", in Blyton's work one can also trace the dietary austerity of a generation in the shadows of World War II. Characters like Moon-Face — with his simple demand of toffee from anyone who wishes to descend the Faraway Tree using the Slippery-Slip (a hole in the floor of his house) — have universal appeal. Georgina's attempts to defy gender tropes, in *Famous Five*, seem ahead of the curve.

The gollivog — an allegedly racist caricature — has drawn criticism. However, while such literary debates are crucial, they cannot be the only prism to look at a writer and her work. Charles Dickens — Blyton's contemporary — was criticised on grounds of racism and anti-semitism. Chilean poet Pablo Neruda remains the literary genius of the lovelorn despite his now well-known transgressions. Criticisms of Blyton are valid. But they cannot be the only measure of her contribution.



K SRINATH REDDY

ACTS OF VIOLENCE against doctors and other healthcare providers have been reported from different parts of the country in recent months, leading to outrage in the medical profession and strikes by doctors. The battering to death of a 73 year-old doctor by a frenzied mob, in the hospital of an Assam tea estate, was especially brutal and shocked the nation. Elsewhere, too, incidents of assault on healthcare providers and damage to hospital equipment have been frequently reported in different parts of India. Health professional associations have demanded a new law for their protection, extending beyond the deterrent punishments available in existing laws.

The government of India has responded by drafting a legislation which has been placed for public comment in September. This has a wide ambit, covering a broad range of health care providers, from doctors, nurses and paramedics to medical and nursing students to ambulance drivers and helpers and a wide array of settings, from hospitals and single doctor clinics to mobile medical units and ambulances. Administrative, security and sanitation staff employed in clinical establishments are not explicitly listed though they, too, are vulnerable to mob violence either because of a direct confrontation or as bystanders rushing in to protect doctors or nurses under assault. Stiff punishments have been proposed, ranging from six months to 10 years depending on the gravity of the offence. Heavy monetary fines, too, have been proposed, ranging from Rs 50,000 to Rs 10,00,000.

Why do healthcare service personnel (as the bill describes them) require a law beyond the provisions of existing criminal laws that protect all persons or property against assault, arson or vandalism? How are they different from the victims of road rage or a neighbours' quarrel? There is a strong rationale for making a distinction because when a healthcare provider is assaulted, disabled or even killed, the victims of crime also include other patients who are being cared for by that person or many others who have been affected because the services of that clinical establishment are disrupted by the violence and vandalism or stoppage of work by the aggrieved

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Law to deter assaults on healthcare personnel is needed. We also need to reduce underlying distrust

tors and nurses to support staff, must be trained, even as students, to develop and display the attributes of care, concern, courtesy and compassion. Developing effective and empathetic communication skills is as important as acquiring clinical skills.

Quite often, assaults on doctors occur following a patient's death. Whether the death occurred due to a serious health disorder which had a poor outcome despite the best efforts of the treating medical team or there was an element of contributory negligence on the part of one or more members of that team can only be determined by a proper inquiry.

However, wanton violence perpetrated by an anguished and aggrieved relative arises as an instant reaction and does not wait even for an explanation from the treating doctor let alone an inquiry that follows a registered complaint. While effective security measures

must be taken to prevent unrestricted intrusions and aggressive reactions, a strong communication link during the period of hospitalisation (even through periodic SMS or WhatsApp messages) can create a relationship of trust and avert unpleasant outbursts.

Finally, it must be recognised that uncivilised aggression and mob violence against healthcare personnel will be difficult to curb if the law is seen to be soft or ineffective in curbing or punishing mob violence or lynchings which may be religious, regional, caste, linguistic or gender based. If violence and aggression appear to get social sanction, healthcare personnel, too, will be among the victims. It is important, therefore, that healthcare providers must speak up against violence of any kind — especially mob violence — and not just when they are the victims.

It is the professional responsibility of doctors to decry any violence as a danger to the physical and mental health of individuals and of society. The 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi is a good time for us all to work together to create a non-violent society where every citizen feels secure.

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SHWETA BANSAL

"MY DEAR, I don't give a damn." When Margaret Mitchell made Rhett Butler say these words in *Gone With the Wind*, she had no idea that a formidable criminal lawyer in India would make this the anthem of his life. That man, born on September 14, 1923, was Ram Jethmalani.

Ram led a full life, an unconventional one marked by acute ascent, immense popularity, paradoxes and controversies. He saw India being born; any event, any person, any high profile case that makes up the collective memory of Indians, in some way featured Ram.

He was a child prodigy. Within three months of entering his first school, Tekchand Pathshala, Ram was promoted to the third standard and not much later, to the fifth standard. This made him the youngest, smallest boy in class. One day, when he was bullied by a burly young man who lifted him by his collar, Ram struck the boy, leaving him confined. In a moment he turned from the victim to the aggressor, a trait that marked much of his life.

At every stage, Ram created a new normal — fighting his own case for admission at the Bar at age 17, making a case for abolition of religion in his law college magazine, straddling two wives, joyous libertine, crusader during the Emergency, he defended political radicals, mob bosses, accused godmen and alleged smugglers with equal ease and loyalty.

Ram was the force behind changing the definition of Hindutva and legitimising the ideologies of the Shiv Sena and BJP within the

## A FREE SPIRIT

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## SEPTEMBER 12, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

## ADVANI ON INDIRA

INDIRA GANDHI'S VIEWS on press censorship were an "ominous warning" the Janata leader, LK Advani, said. Commenting on Mrs Gandhi's refusal to rule out press censorship in case she came back to power, Advani, former Information and Broadcasting Minister, said she wanted from the people endorsement of what she did during the Emergency — something the people had refused in 1977. Advani said he was sure democrats would take due note of Mrs Gandhi's statements in Bombay.

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constitutional framework. He was open, unapologetic and irreverent about it. His single minded pursuit of what he believed in, his preternatural sense of right and wrong and his doggedness stirred emotions, provoked moral judgments but never evoked ambivalence.

Ram's achievements are enviable — some celebrated, others understated. That he was a grand master of law, the undisputed champion of cross examination and rules of evidence is universally acknowledged. Perhaps the least recognised is Ram's contribution in setting up the National Law School of India University (NLS), Bangalore, India's first five-year legal programme for students after intermediate. NLS was a culmination of Ram's friendship with RK Hegde, Karnataka's chief minister. He had represented Hegde's son, Bharat, when the latter was accused in a corruption case.

Hegde returned the favour by directing the Bangalore University to allocate 14 acres for the law school on the city's outskirts. The team of Ram, Upendra Baxi and Hegde grandfathered the National University Act of 1986, which led to the NLS starting out as a full university. But when the NLS was inaugurated, Ram and his name were missing. The school's foundation stone was inscribed with the names of VR Reddy, the then Bar Council chairman and Professor Madhav Menon.

A few years later, a young Kashmiri boy, who had failed the entrance for NLS, made his way to Ram, who got him an admission on unusual grounds. The boy reciprocated by acing his class. After five years, he secured a seat at

Berkeley but was again struck by the weight of the expenses. This time, too, Ram showed up. I remember asking him once how he would like to be remembered. His response was: "As a good teacher who could make a difference to the lives of the young." And, why not? Even at 93, he flew every Friday evening after court to Pune to lecture at the Symbiosis College. The man who drank Cognac at home so he wouldn't waste money on expensive liquor in hotels, chartered a plane at his own expense to take a lecture in Chandigarh because "the students were waiting to hear him".

While his legal credentials are irrefutable, Ram's political legacy is ambiguous. His political career was determined by his personal equations and several of his political actions were on a personal pique. He allowed personal disappointments to move him away from fixed positions, but he had the liver to take the consequences too, he was that sure of his moral radar and intellect. This is what made him invulnerable.

Ram was *sui generis*. I doubt there will be another quite like him. Sometimes the aggressor, sometimes the defender and at other both, Ram didn't belong to any one man, party, institution or idea. The "sinner with a clean conscience" has finally boarded onward from the "departure lounge". Darlings, lets bow to his free spirit.

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the word "Hindu" might have meant all the residents of India. But now, the word Hindu has a "special significance". So, he said, "it has to be clarified".

## RAILWAYMEN'S STRIKE

THE ALL-INDIA RAILWAYMEN Federation has directed its affiliated unions to prepare for a total strike any day in November, to press their demands for bonus and other long-standing grievances. The organisation's general secretary, J P Chauhan, said more than 90 per cent of the federation's working committee had voted in favour of an indefinite strike if there was no settlement on the AIRFs charter of demands.

# Consequences of abrogation

With the Constitution of J&K being rendered infructuous, questions may have arisen about the definition of the territory of J&K, and India's claim to POK



HASEEB A DRABU

BY RESCINDING THE Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir, the territorial integrity of India has been impaired. For the last 30 years, the ideologically secessionist armed insurgency in Kashmir has been threatening the territorial integrity of India. The Indian state with all its might has been successful in not only containing it but in also getting the international community to by and large endorse its position. Ironically, the solution of the present BJP government to the long-standing problem of Kashmir – abrogating its special status in the Constitution of India which they see as the main cause of separatist sentiment – may have ended up not only compromising the territorial integrity of India, but also rekindled the intrusive interest of the international community in the happenings in Kashmir.

Constitution of India, Clause 3 of Article 1 states, "the territory of India shall comprise of the territories of the states". The First Schedule lists out all the states in the Union and defines their individual territorial limits. In the process, it defines the territory of India. There is no other definition of the territory of India as a whole in the Constitution save as a sum of its parts. As the 15th state in the Union, the territorial boundaries of J&K are defined in the First Schedule as, "The territory which immediately before the commencement of this Constitution was comprised in the Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir". Unlike all other states whose boundaries are precisely defined, this territorial definition of Jammu and Kashmir is not only ambiguous but also contentious.

There are two parts to this definition: First, the phrase "immediately before the commencement of this Constitution". Which precise date does this refer to? And second, is the term "Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir". This is the only place in the Constitution of India, where the prefix "Indian" has been added to the state of Jammu and Kashmir or for that matter to any other state. In all other references to it in the Constitution, the word used is "State of Jammu and Kashmir". Nowhere does the Constitution of India define what comprises the "Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir". Even historically, Maharaja Hari Singh signed with India the instrument of accession on October 26, 1947 for the entire state; and not the "Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir". So where did the term emanate from and what does it signify? More importantly, what does it connote in terms of its physical boundaries?

The Constituent Assembly of India used this term in the context of the government of India's reference to the UN on its territorial dispute with Pakistan over Kashmir in January 1948. The Constituent Assembly chose not to pre-empt the UN settlement by including the entire state of Jammu and Kashmir as a part of India. The UN had mediated the cessation of hostilities in 1949 and drew a ceasefire line that left 35 per cent of the total area under control of Pakistan. This became the de facto border, the Line of

Control with Pakistan Occupied Kashmir, under the Simla Agreement in 1972.

Indeed, the Constituent Assembly debates and the correspondence between the main dramatis persona discussed the eventuality of the state deciding to join Pakistan post the promised plebiscite and its implication on the Constitution of India. As such, the territory mentioned in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution means the territory of Jammu and Kashmir under the control of India. Hence, also, the qualification "Indian".

The phrase "immediately before the commencement of this Constitution" can either mean when the Constituent Assembly of India formally adopted the Constitution, that is, November 26, 1949. Or it can be January 26, 1950 when it was promulgated. Taking either date, more than one-third of the state, was under the "illegal" occupation of Pakistan. Did the Constitution of India, then, forego its claim on Pakistan Occupied Kashmir, then? The answer is no.

The reason why the territory of J&K has been ambiguously defined in the Constitution of India is because the Constituent Assembly of India did the politically correct thing of leaving it to the Constituent Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir to discuss, deliberate and define it. The territory of Jammu and Kashmir is defined comprehensively in the now rescinded Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir. The Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir, Part II, para 4, states that "The territory of the State shall comprise all the territories which on the fifteenth day of August, 1947, were under the sovereignty or suzerainty of the Ruler of the State". By this definition, the territory of the state of Jammu and Kashmir includes not only the existing state but also the areas occupied by Pakistan (what they call Azad Jammu and Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan) and those areas were ceded to China in 1963 (Shaksam tract, now a part of the Xinjiang Uyghur autonomous region).

This, read with Part II, para (3) of the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir – which states, "The State of Jammu and Kashmir is and shall be an integral part of the Union of India" – amplifies the definition of the "Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir" men-

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tioned in the Constitution of India. The point is that it was the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir and not the Constitution of India which made the full territory of Jammu and Kashmir an integral part of the Union of India. In other words, the Constitution of India was dependent on the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir in this regard.

The Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir even provided 25 seats in the state legislature for the elected representatives of the "occupied" areas. It was stipulated, under Section 48 (I) of the Constitution of Jammu and Kashmir, that these seats would remain vacant (and reserved) and would not be taken into account for reckoning the total membership of the assembly, till these areas of the state remain under occupation. Significantly, the J&K State Reorganisation Act 2019, had reduced the number of these vacant seats to 24. Is this formalising the Aksai Chin ceding?

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Given the fact that the territory of India is an aggregation of the territories of the states, the Constitution Order 2019 has effectively changed the territorial boundary of India. While the Constitution explicitly provides for expansion, "such other territories as may be acquired", there is no provision for Parliament to reduce the territory of India. Yet that is precisely what the Constitution Order 2019 has done. This in itself is a sufficient ground for it to be struck down by the Supreme Court.

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## WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

The trade war can never disrupt Chinese people's increasing demand for a better living and the stronger internal impetus to develop. —GLOBAL TIMES CHINA

# Spending issues

The Constitution's Seventh Schedule, which differentiates between spending by the Centre and states, needs a re-look



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STRUCTURED and their number should be reduced to a maximum of 30 schemes. All these schemes would be 'Umbrella Schemes', with every scheme having a large number of components with a uniform funding pattern.

Thereafter, there are ostensibly 28 CSSs, divided into "core of the core" and "core".

But these 28 are umbrella schemes and large umbrellas at that. For purposes of illustration, let me take one scheme, the "Green Revolution" scheme, implemented by the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers' Welfare. A scrutiny of the Union Budget papers will tell you that this umbrella scheme covers "Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, National Food Security Mission, Agriculture Marketing, Information, Integrated Scheme on Agricultural Cooperation, Integrated Scheme on Agriculture Census and Statistics, National Agri-Tech Infrastructure, National Mission on Horticulture, National Mission on Oil Seed and Oil Palm, National Project on Agro-Forestry, National Project on Organic Farming, National Project on Soil Health and Fertility, Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region, Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana, Rain-fed Area Development and Climate Change and Sub-Missions on Agriculture Extension, Agriculture Mechanisation, Plant Protection and Plant Quarantine & Seed and Planting Material." Clearly, the figure of 28 is misleading. Counted properly, the number of CSSs depends partly on how one defines a CSS. But, the number will be close to two hundred. Clearly, this is unsatisfactory.

Second, the ToR (terms of reference) for the 15th Finance Commission mention a re-examination of CSSs, in a way. Perhaps, one should quote that: "Achievements in implementation of flagship schemes of Government of India, disaster resilient infrastructure, sustainable development goals, and quality of expenditure." For these, and some other areas, "The Commission may consider proposing measurable performance-based incentives for states, at the appropriate level of government." And third, the Union government is taking a look at CSSs. Hence, all three triggers converge.

Note the two earlier committees: The former Planning Commission's 2001 B K Chaturvedi report on restructuring of CSSs and the Niti Aayog's 2015 Sub-Group of Chief Ministers' Report on rationalisation of CSSs. One shouldn't read too much into etymology, but "restructuring" and "rationalisation" are distinct expressions. If a mere rearrangement is done, that's restructuring of sorts.

The Chaturvedi report suggested that nine flagship schemes (MGNREGA, IAY, SSA, NRHM, and so on) should remain as CSSs, while another six schemes (JNNURM, RKVY and so on) should become CSSs. Fifteen is a large enough number of schemes for public expenditure. Ideally, the Chaturvedi Report should have recommended scrapping of all others. But, that would have been too drastic, so, it didn't. So when implemented, all schemes were repackaged and retained. It was restructuring in the sense of rearrangement. The word "rationalisation" suggests more than restructuring. It implies a rationale for the continuation of existing schemes, scrapping of some, and even introduction of fresh ones.

The sub-group of chief ministers talked about implementation and divided schemes into core and optional ones. However, the core of the recommendation was the following: "The Sub-Group recommends that the existing CSS should be re-

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### A FRIEND INDEED

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Petrol pipeline to Nepal' (IE, September 11). Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Nepalese counterpart K P Sharma Oli jointly inaugurated the 69-km long cross-border petroleum pipeline in Nepal. This initiative will help enhance the energy security of Nepal, it will substantially cut down transit costs and enhance trade connectivity between India and Nepal. The pipeline will carry two million metric tonne of clean petroleum products at an affordable price to Nepal. The initiative is also significant because the country is often dependent on India for fuel.

Shefali Kohli, Jalandhar

### A GREAT DRAW

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Impassable Gurpreet makes it possible' (IE, September 11). A goal less draw against Asian champions, Qatar, is probably India's biggest achievement in international football in recent years. Qatar is the hosts of the next FIFA World Cup and is ranked 62 in the FIFA rankings, while India is not even in top 100. India's goalkeeper played a very important role in this achievement by thwarting the forwards of Qatar.

Vishesh Goswami via e-mail

### EXEMPLARY LAWYER

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'He held his own' (IE, September 11). Ram Jethmalani was much more than a good

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ABHIJIT MUKHOPADHYAY

# Deals that hurt

India could disadvantage itself further vis-a-vis China by joining free trade pacts

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Seize the pact' (IE, September 10). I agree with its assertion that "the government will have to think through its strategy on joining trade pacts". Trade ministers of the participating countries in the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) will confer in November, when the leaders of these countries meet for the ASEAN summit. There is pressure on India from the proponents of free trade to join RCEP. However, free trade is not a black and white affair, it never was. Therefore, I would like to take issues with the editorial's main point, "Joining these FTAs (free trade agreements under the RCEP umbrella) will not only gradually facilitate the country's integration with global value chains, but provide greater opportunities for investment".

RCEP is an attempt to integrate ASEAN countries and the bloc's FTA partners – India, China, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand – in a free trade zone. Initially posed as an alternative to the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), RCEP has gained a new dimension after the US pulled out of the TPP and subsequently initiated a trade war, largely against China.

China would be looking to compensate for the export loss in the US turf, and RCEP provides the country a viable platform for this purpose. That is why joining the pact will be detrimental to India's interests. Even without an FTA with China, India's trade deficit with the country has risen 13 times in the last decade. China, according to a NITI Aayog pa-

per, accounts for around 50 per cent of India's trade deficit. And the deficit is widening every year. Joining RCEP would tantamount to de facto signing an FTA with China and giving the country market access to India.

The NITI Aayog paper also identified India's major imports from and exports to China. The list reveals a disturbing trend. While China exports finished manufactured goods like electrical machinery, telecom equipment, audio and video recorders, organic chemicals and plastic articles, India top exports to China predominantly consist of raw materials like ores, copper, sulphur, salt, mineral fuels, oils and bituminous substances.

Those who advocate joining RCEP on grounds of integration with global value chain – including your editorial – should take note of this trade composition. Global or local, production value chains are not homogenous string of production process; they are value chains driven by very large multinational companies which produce the final finished goods and reap maximum benefit out of that chain. The composition of Indo-Chinese trade indicates that Chinese companies are those engines of value chain. India languishes at the bottom end of that chain as a raw ma-

terial supplier. Another fallout could be decimation of Indian industries that would be in direct competition with these big Chinese companies.

In recent times, India's import of mobile handsets from China has gone down, but the flip side of it is that imports of mobile components from China has increased manifold. Chinese mobile handset factories operate as assembling centres on Indian soil. Fledgling handset makers like Micromax and Karbonn in the country have been pushed out of the market and Indians do not gain enough employment opportunities. This does not bode well for the economy. India's experience with FTAs has not been encouraging, except for the FTA with Sri Lanka. Trade gaps with ASEAN, South Korea and Japan have been increasing. The FTAs have resulted in the isolation of Indian companies, as Indian products on whom regular indirect taxes have been levied often face competition with goods imported from these FTA countries with lower or zero tariff rates. In 2017-18, India had a trade deficit of \$104 billion with all RCEP countries.

Much has been showcased about Mode 4 in last year's ministerial meeting of RCEP.

Despite resistance from countries like Singapore, Australia and New Zealand, it was claimed that progress has been made under RCEP negotiations to liberalise member countries' services markets and allow movement of skilled professionals. Though the final outcome needs to be observed, there are other reasons for scepticism. Mode 4, till now, helped India in sending mainly IT professionals at cheaper wage rates to destinations where local labour is costlier. But with sources of such cheap labour abundant in other countries – Malaysia, Vietnam and Philippines, for example – it is doubtful whether India will have any major advantage even if the services markets of Australia, New Zealand and Singapore are sufficiently opened.

Various estimates show that RCEP's share in the world GDP may touch 50 per cent by 2050. The fear that India may be left out if it decides not to join the group is real. But given the economic clout of China and other economies, India may find it very difficult to grab a significant share of the RCEP cake. The country could, instead, do well to make realistic attempts to seize larger shares of smaller pies in regional trade cooperation – BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation), for example.

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lawyer. He raised questions when they mattered the most. He was a torch-bearer for the freedom of every citizen, sometimes even criminals. His profound speeches – 'Courting Destiny' for example – and intellectual debates with Subramanian Swamy on Article 370 has taught the current generation a lot. Even though he was always affected by personal tragedies, Jethmalani never failed to speak his mind out for people and their rights.

Prastav Mishra, Jamshedpur

JUSTIN TRUDEAU  
Canada Prime Minister

## CANADA

Trudeau kicks  
off election  
campaign

Ottawa: Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau kicked off a challenging six-week re-election campaign on Wednesday and immediately faced new questions about a nagging ethics scandal that could cut support for his Liberal Party. Trudeau, who swept to office in November 2015 promising "sunny ways", faces an electorate more focused on the economy and affordability when it votes on Oct 21. "We have a huge amount of work still to do... under a Liberal government, Canada will continue to move forward," he told reporters after launching the race.

## IRAN

3 Australians  
detained in Iran

Sydney: Australia on Wednesday revealed that three of its citizens had been detained in Iran, the latest in a series of Westerners to be seized by authorities in Tehran. News of the trio's detention comes at a sensitive geopolitical juncture, and after Australia announced that it would join a US-led mission to protect shipping through the Strait of Hormuz with tensions high in the Gulf region. Canberra is battling to keep efforts to free the trio under wraps, and it is not clear if the three have been charged.

## GAZA

Israel hits Gaza  
after rocket fire

Jerusalem: Israel bombed Hamas positions in Gaza overnight in retaliation for rocket fire across the border, which cut short an election rally by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, the military said. Wednesday, Netanyahu was hustled off stage when sirens warning of incoming rockets blared in the southern city of Ashdod late Tuesday, public television reported. It came just hours after the premier pledged to annex the Jordan Valley in the occupied West Bank if re-elected. Israeli fighter jets "hit 15 terrorist targets in the north and centre of the Gaza Strip," including a weapons factory, an attack tunnel and naval targets, the army said.

On Wednesday, security

MARGRETHE VESTAGER, WHO HAS ALREADY HANDED OUT BILLION-DOLLAR FINES TO SILICON VALLEY FIRMS, HAS WON NEW POWERS  
EU's new digital czar: 'Most powerful regulator of big tech on the planet'MATINA STEVENS-GRIDNEFF  
BRUSSELS, SEPTEMBER 11

FOR FIVE years, Margrethe Vestager was the scourge of Silicon Valley, levying billions of dollars in fines and initiating investigations against Google, Apple and Facebook for violating antitrust laws and harming consumers.

As the European Union's competition commissioner, she, and her army of lawyers, became heroes to many critics of Big Tech, even as they were loathed in some corporate offices, and in the White House.

"She hates the United States," US President Donald Trump said.

"Margrethe Vestager will be the most powerful regulator of Big Tech on the planet," said

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## THE WORLD



## MEANWHILE

## ROBOT FEDOR'S SPACE MISSION ENDS

Its mission over for a robot called Fedor that Russia sent into the International Space Station, the developers said. Fedor, or Final Experimental Demonstration Object Research, was built to assist space station astronauts. But Fedor turned out to have a design that does not work well in space, Androidnaya Tekhnika, the robot's developers, said.

US designates Pak  
Taliban chief as  
global terrorist

Under Noor Wali Mehsud's leadership, TTP grew more deadlier, analysts say

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WASHINGTON, ISLAMABAD, SEPTEMBER 11

THE US has slapped sanctions on the chief of the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) Noor Wali Mehsud and designated him as a global terrorist, as the Trump administration unveiled new tools to pursue terrorist suspects, their financiers and supporters globally.

Interestingly, Mehsud's designation came on the same day India described Pakistan as the "epicentre" of global terrorism.

While countering Pakistan's offensive against India on the Kashmir issue at the 42nd UN Human Rights Council session in Geneva, Secretary (East) in the External Affairs Ministry, Vijay Thakur Singh, said "the world is aware that this fabricated narrative comes from the epicentre of global terrorism, where ring leaders were sheltered for years.

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Johnson, who was a figurehead for the Vote Leave campaign in the 2016 referendum when 52 per cent of voters backed Brexit, has said he needs to suspend, or prorogue, Parliament to kick off his Conservative agenda. REUTERS

The number of Indian  
students in the UK saw a  
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2020-21 intake of students to universities in the UK. After the two years, they will be able to switch

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## BAGEHOT

# Into the upside down

A country that prides itself on its common sense and moderation is doing ever stranger things



Anti-Brexit protesters demonstrate outside the Houses of Parliament in London on September 3. *Reuters*

SO MANY extraordinary events are happening in British politics that it is impossible to tell the normal from the abnormal. This is not only disorientating—all the talk of “coups” and “traitors” can unsettle even the most philosophical of souls. It is also dangerous. A quick glance at history shows that terrible things can happen when you normalise the abnormal. Jacob Rees-Mogg, the leader of the House of Commons, maintains that the British constitution can “bend to a passing storm”. But if the storm is a hurricane that rages on for years, it can also break.

Boris Johnson was elected over his more moderate rival, Jeremy Hunt, with 93,000 votes out of a turnout of just 150,000—all that remains of a Conservative Party that was once 3m strong. More than half are over 55 years old, 70% are men, 97% are white and, as a group, they have far more authoritarian and Eurosceptic views than the population at large. Yet this mockery of a mandate has not prevented Mr Johnson from pursuing an unbendingly extreme policy. He has filled his cabinet with people willing to sign up to a no-deal Brexit, a minority position in the parliamentary party. He has suspended Parliament in order to reduce the amount of time available to debate the rights and wrongs of such a Brexit, a decision that many regard as a constitutional outrage. His justification for this is that the “will of the people”, as embodied in the referendum result of 2016, must be honoured. But there is no evidence that the 52% who voted for Brexit support the no-deal variety. One recent poll shows that Britons don’t trust Mr Johnson to make the right decision on Brexit by a margin of 55% to 34%.

Mr Johnson made his second-ever appearance as prime minister in the House of Commons on September 3rd, only to suffer one of the worst humiliations of any leader. Twenty-one Tories voted with the opposition to outlaw leaving the EU without a deal. Mr Johnson’s response was to purge the rebels from his party. They included two former chancellors (one of whom was in office just seven weeks ago), five other former cabinet ministers and Winston Churchill’s grandson, Sir Nicholas Soames. At the same time a former Tory prime minister, Sir John Major, is party to a lawsuit accusing Mr Johnson of acting unconstitutionally.

With the reality-based wing of his party decimated, Mr Johnson is a prisoner of a narrow clique that combines ideological fervour with personal eccentricity. Steve Baker talks about bulldozing the House of Commons into the Thames. John Redwood is so lacking in the milk of human kindness that he makes Mr Grindgrind look like a lactating mother. This week Mr Rees-Mogg chose to listen to an era-defining debate while lying prone across the Commons benches, as if on a chaise longue, providing the Labour Party with an ideal election poster.

Even more remarkable than the mainstreaming of extremists is the normalisation of a no-deal Brexit. During the referendum

campaign, no Leaver mentioned the possibility of a no-deal Brexit, just as few brought up the issue of the Irish border. Brexiteers assured the country that negotiating a trade deal with the European Union would be the easiest thing in the world. Now, Mr Johnson believes that you have to support the possibility of no-deal to remain a Tory, and Nigel Farage, the leader of the Brexit Party, regards no-deal as the only acceptable option.

In normal times, voters can shift to the opposition if one side goes berserk. But the Labour Party has a good claim to have arrived ahead of the Conservative Party in crazy town, by electing Jeremy Corbyn leader. Mr Corbyn has devoted his life to supporting obscure and often repellent causes. His guests in the House of Commons have included IRA

sympathisers and Holocaust deniers. His inner circle of advisers includes a former communist, Andrew Murray, who has lauded North Korea and praised Stalin. For all the talk of his being an ineffectual party leader, Mr Corbyn has done a very good job of taking over the party’s executive committee and putting in place automatic “trigger ballots” which will allow activists to eject MPs who don’t toe the Corbyn line.

British politics is now trapped in a weird

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impasse as these two extremists face each other across the aisle, bellowing and finger-jabbing. Mr Johnson, who claims that he doesn’t want an election, is now demanding one and Mr Corbyn, who claims that he does want an election, is refusing to give him one. But it is hard to summon up a laugh as events whirl out of control. Extremism is as addictive as roulette. The Conservative Party may fight the next election as a full-blown no-deal-Brexit party, forging a loose alliance with

Mr Farage, and adding fury at political correctness and social breakdown to a powerful populist mix.

Extremism in one party also legitimises extremism in another. If Mr Corbyn wins the next election—which is more likely than most Tories realise—he will be emboldened by the Conservatives’ recent behaviour. A Tory opposition will find it hard to accuse Mr Corbyn of sacrificing the economy on the altar of ideology when it has done exactly that. By arguing that the “will of the people” matters more than the rights of minorities or the conventions of the constitution, the Tories have supplied Mr Corbyn with the weapons he needs to push through a radical hard-left programme. All he needs is a majority, which they are doing their best to provide.

## Neverending story

There are some inspiring examples of countries righting themselves after periods of abnormality. Matteo Salvini, Italy’s fiery populist, has been weakened by his increasingly outrageous behaviour. But with both parties controlled by fanatical factions and Britain’s uncodified constitution depending on informal rules that extremists do not respect, it is difficult to see a way out of the mess. The great test for Britain is not just whether it can leave Europe with its economy intact. It is whether it can leave without doing lasting damage to institutions that were always more delicate than either Leavers or Remainers imagined.

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## BANYAN

# Forward to the past

An election campaign in Sri Lanka stirs old ghosts

THE FRONT-RUNNER in Sri Lanka’s presidential election in November has a boring message. It is designed to be wonderfully soothing to those alarmed by the political chaos of the past couple of years, as the president and prime minister have feuded—and indeed to those for whom the brutal civil war that ended only a decade ago still casts a frightening shadow.

Gotabaya Rajapaksa, who declared his candidacy last month, assures voters that the future is one of peaceful, “knowledge-based” development for all. It will be led by technocrats, and be free of the curse of politicking. His years as an army officer, “Gota” says, will ensure crisp, meritocratic efficiency.

The blandness of Mr Rajapaksa’s campaign is the message. For there is another Gotabaya, from whom Sri Lanka has already once had to crawl. Ten years ago a horrendous civil war ended in a massive government assault on Tamil rebels on a narrow strip of beach in the north of the island, overseen by Mr Rajapaksa, who was secretary of defence at the time. There, Tamil commanders and their families were killed by troops meant to be accepting their surrender, but not before thousands of civilians trapped in the fighting had perished too.

A 26-year-old war had ended, with unspeakable crimes on both sides. But when the victorious government was returned in a landslide in 2010, it continued to see enemies everywhere. It grew ever more authoritarian as it championed a Buddhist Sinhalese chauvinism at the expense of Hindu, Muslim and Christian minorities. A notable critic, Lasantha Wickrematunge, a newspaper editor, had been murdered in 2009. Others began to disappear in Colombo, the capital, into white vans driven by pro-government goons. The chief justice was impeached and the rest of the judiciary

should the Rajapaksas make a comeback, they may suffer from new flaws as well as old. Although they pooh-pooh the idea, it seems quite possible that Gota and Mahinda will fight over every bit of power at the country’s expense

ary brought into line. Meanwhile, Tamils in the north still live in fear of the security forces. It was a huge relief to many when the government lost power in an electoral upset in 2015.

All this matters because the ousted government was a Rajapaksa family business. Mr Rajapaksa’s brother, Mahinda, was president; another brother, Basil, oversaw the economy; a fourth was speaker of parliament. Gota wanted credit for winning the war, and bridled at claims of war crimes. He ran the security services during the era of white-van terror. He had a foul temper and a threatening tongue.

Both Basil and Mahinda are frank enough, when asked, to admit that Gota needs to keep talking about policies, not the past. Yet again and again he seems drawn back to that other country in which part of him still dwells, arguing that his achievements in ending the war and rebuilding the north have never been fully acknowledged. His greatest regret, he says, is not being properly understood. Even reports that he kept sharks in tanks are unfair: they helped to soothe his nerves and anyway, he says, stretching out his hands, they weren’t that big.

There is another worrying aspect to



Sri Lanka’s former defense secretary Gotabaya Rajapaksa in Katunayake, Sri Lanka, in April. *Reuters*

Gota’s prospective return. It comes with the full Rajapaksa package. Basil is overseeing an efficient, high-tech campaign—dreamt up, he says, while serving time in prison for corruption. Mahinda, who sparked a constitutional crisis last year by attempting to supplant the prime minister in a parliamentary coup, now intends to win the post via parliamentary elections next year.

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back, they may suffer from new flaws as well as old. Although they pooh-pooh the idea, it seems quite possible that Gota and Mahinda will fight over every bit of power at the country’s expense. Mahinda, the oldest brother, is a sun king, his chair in his meeting room a hand-span wider than the others. He says the post of prime minister will be the crucial one in government. Across town, Gota argues for a strong exec-

utive presidency.

If there is an alternative to Rajapaksa rule, it is taking an excruciating time to declare itself. It is in the power of Ranil Wickremesinghe, the prime minister, as head of one of the country’s two big parties, to anoint a challenger. The 70-year-old seems to have thought of himself as the ideal candidate. But after a dismal term as prime minister, no one in his party shares

his view. He has not yet come round to endorsing the ally with the best numbers in the polls, Sajith Premadasa, son of Sri Lanka’s third president. Mr Premadasa’s chief backers admit that not even the candidate himself really knows what he believes in. But he is popular enough—and, better yet, his name is not Rajapaksa.

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## Classifieds

## PERSONAL

I, Anil Kumar Marwah S/O Late Shri Lahori Lal R/O flat no.102, Pocket-14, Moon Light Apartment, Sec-20, Rohini, Delhi-110086, have changed my name to Anil Kumar for all purposes. 0040511799-2

I, Rajesh Kumar Gulia S/O Khazan Singh R/H.No.152, Baparola Village, Baparola West Delhi, Delhi-110043 have changed my name to Rajesh Kumar 0040511740-3

It is for general information that I, Rajeev Verma S/O Darshan Lal R/O-261/3A Street No.3, Bholanath Nagar, Shahdara Delhi-110032, inform that name of mine, my father has been wrongly written Rajeev Kumar, Sudershan Kumar in my Matriculation Certificate. The actual name of mine, my father are Rajeev Verma, Darshan Lal which may be amended accordingly. 004051957-7

I, Ramesh Chander S/O- Parmanand R/O-A/2/14, Sec-5, Rohini, Delhi-85, have changed the name of my minor daughter Gauri@Gori Banswali to Akshita Banswali for all purpose (D.O.B 10.2.2005) 0040511985-3

I, Rajiv Ranjan S/O Jagannath Thakur R/O-M-27, Vikas Group, Housing Society, Pitampura, Delhi-110034. Changed My Name To Rajiv Thakur. 0040512000-5

I, Kumar Sunita W/o Ashwani Sharma R/o-H.No. 266-E-4, Ward.No.2, Mehrauli, New Delhi-110030, have changed my name to Akansa after marriage for all future purposes. 0040511982-6

I, Kuldeep Singh Bisht S/O-Jeet Singh Bisht R/O-H.No. 59, Block-I, Gali No.33, Rajapuri, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-59, have changed to my name Kuldeep Bisht for all purpose. 0040511983-3

I, Kamaljeet S/O Mukhtiyar Singh R/o-1/10522-A Gali No.1 Mohan Park Shahdara Delhi-110032 have changed my name to Kamaljeet Singh for all purposes 0040511957-6

I, Jeet Singh S/O Late Bahadur Singh R/O-H.No.59, Block-I, Gali No.33, Rajapuri, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-59, have changed to my name Jeet Singh Bisht for all purpose. 0040511985-2

I, Abhinav S/o Balvinder Singh R/O-D-9, First Floor, Flat No.3, Jharia Market, Palla-No.2, Sarai-Khawaja, Faridabad-121003, Haryana, have changed my name to Abhinav Singh. 0040512000-3

I, Yogesh Gambhir S/o Sh. Pokhar Das Gambhir R/o A-685, Sector-19 Noida have changed my Son's Name Om Gambhir to Aum Gambhir for all Future purposes. 0040511940-1

I, Yogendra Chaudhary s/o Sahab Singh R/o-YB-332, NTPC Anandam Society, Greater Noida, U.P., have changed my name Yogendra Singh for all purposes. 0040511982-2

I, Vinod Kumar Chauhan S/o Late Sh. Shyam Lal Chauhan R/o Flat No.348, DA-Block, Third Floor, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088 have changed my name from Vinod Kumar to Vinod Kumar Chauhan for all future purposes. 0040511954-1

I, Shanti Devi W/o Jeet Singh Bisht R/O-H.No.59, Block-I, Gali No.33, Rajapuri, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-59, have changed to my name Shanti Bisht for all purpose. 0040511984-4

I, Veena W/O Neeraj Choudhary R/O-771 Pocket-1, Janta-Flats, Paschim-Puri, New-Delhi-110063. Have changed my name to Veena Singh to Veena for all Purposes. 0040511978-10

I, Swati Shailesh Thakur D/o Vinod Sharma R/o Plot No.9, GF, Phase-1A, Om Vihar, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-59, have changed my name to Swati Sharma. 0040511974-1

I, Suvarna Baba Bandgar spouse of No.15566198Y L/NK Shivaji Nirvritti Padolkar, Resident of Village-Bagewadi, Tehsil-Jath, Distt.-Sangli, Maharashtra-416044, have changed my name from Suvarna Baba Bandgar to Suvarna Shivaji Padolkar vide affidavit dated:11/09/2019 before Notary Public Delhi. 0040511983-1

I, Surender Singh Yadav s/o-Samey Singh H.no-548, near-chopal, village-Khanhi, Gurgaon, have changed my name to Surender Yadav. 0040511978-3

I, Suneel Kumar Arora S/o Purnu Lal Arora R/o-292, Guru Harkishan Nagar, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110087 have changed my name to Suneel Arora 0040511939-1

I, Suman Bhatia W/o Kishore Kumar Bhatia R/o 103, Sector-19, Faridabad, have changed my name from Suman Bhatia to Suman Kumar for all purposes. 0040511970-1

I, Gautam Kumar S/o Ram Das R/o-H.No-E-14 Gali No.1-Phase-3 Shiv-Nagar Karawali-Nahar Delhi-94 changed my name to Gautam Dewal. 0040512022-6

I, Jasdeep Singh S/O Anoop Singh R/O-C-41, First Floor, Hari Nagar, New Delhi-110064 have changed my name to Jasdeep Singh Lall. 0040511988-1

I, Smita Khade W/o Santosh Kumar R/o-J-154, 3rd-Floor, Saket, New Delhi-110017, have changed the name of my daughter aged 06 years and she shall hereinafter be known as Shanaya Sharani. 0040511992-5

I, Sonia W/o Deepak Goyal R/o-B-1/102 Varun Apartment Sec-9 Rohini Delhi have changed my name to Sonia Goyal. 0040511740-3

I, Parveen W/o Krishan R/o-SRS-20, Village-Perragarhi, New Delhi-110087, have changed my name from Parveen Vanita for all purposes. 0040511978-7

I, P. Vishnu S/o Sh. Vijayamadhavan A, R/o House No. 2503A, Housing Board Colony, Sector-55, Faridabad, Haryana, have changed my son's name P.Vishnu to Vishnu Vijay, for all future purpose. 0040511928-1

I, Neeraj Choudhary S/o Avdhesh Choudhary R/o-771, Pocket-1, Janta-Flats, Paschim-Puri, New Delhi-110063, have changed my name from Neeraj & Neeraj Singh to Neeraj Choudhary, for all purposes. 0040511992-5

I, Neelam W/o Sh. Raj Kumar R/o H-25, West Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008 have changed my name to Neelam Gupta. 0040512022-7

I, Shalini Joshi D/o Ramesh Chandra Pathak R/o-Flat, No. E-203 C-58/8 Sector-62, Noida G.B.Nagar, U.P., have changed my name Shalini Pathak for all purposes. 0040511982-1

I, Satish Singh Chauhan S/o Shiv Charan Singh R/o-261, Karhera, Mohan Nagar, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Satish Singh. 0040511976-1

I, Sanjeev Kumar/Sanjeev Sharma S/O Amarnath Sharma R/O-15/3, 1, Prakash-Vihar, Block-A, Shahbad, Daulatpur, Delhi-110042, changed my name to Sanjeev Kumar Sharma. 0040511992-9

I, Sanjeev Kumar R/o-N-3/10A, N-3 Block, Gurudwara Road, Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar, ND-59, have changed my minor son's name from Udit to Udit Singh Tanwar. 0040511955-1

I, Sandeep Malhotra S/o Baldev Krishna Mehra R/o-C-1, 6/91, Sector-2, Rajendra-Nagar, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Manisha Gaur. 0040512022-2

I, Manisha W/o Sandeep Kumar R/o-C-1, 6/91, Sector-2, Rajendra-Nagar Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Manisha Gaur. 0040511978-5

I, Anees Ur Rehman S/o Moin Ur Rehman R/o J/110, J-Extension-Krishan Kunj Laxmi-Nagar Delhi-110092, changed my name to Anis Ur Rehman S/o-Moin Ur Rehman. 0040511957-5

I, Mohammad Salim S/o-Noor Mohmmad R/o-E-83, MK Residency, Plot.No-8, B, Sec.11, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075, have changed my name will be Salim Choudhary for all future purposes. 0040511982-5

I, Meghna Jindal, W/o Abhinav Jindal, R/o-163, Sec-15-A, Noida-201301, have changed my name to Meghna Agarwal. Henceforth, I shall be known as Meghna Agarwal, for all future purposes. 0040511947-1

I, Anup Singh S/o Ranbir Singh Nag R/o E-170, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019 have changed my name to Anup Singh Nag. 0070673875-1

I, Anil Kumar Maheshwari S/o Bihari Lal Kela R/o-384, Sarai Lal Dass, Meerut U.P-250002, have changed my name to Anil Kumar. 0040511947-1

I, Anees Ur Rehman S/o Muen Ur Rehman R/o J/110, J-Extension-Krishan Kunj Laxmi-Nagar Delhi-110092, changed my name to Anis Ur Rehman S/o-Moin Ur Rehman. 0040511957-12

I, Anees Ahmad S/o Pir Box R/o C-II/170, New Ashok Nagar, Delhi-110096 have changed my name to Anees Ahmed S/o Peer Bakhsh. 0040511945-1

I, Amarjeet Singh Arora S/o Sohan Singh and Mohinder Kaur, R/o-K-15 Second-Floor, Rajouri-Garden, New Delhi-110027, inform that in my Passport, the names of my wife is wrongly written as Herminder Kaur and my mother as Mahinder Kaur. The correct name of my wife is Harmander Kaur Arora and my mother is Mohinder Kaur. 0040511976-4

I, Mamta Wadhawan W/o, Rajesh Talwar R/o-B-246, Derawali Nagar, Delhi-110009, have changed my name to Sakshi Talwar for all purposes. 0040512013-1

I, Km Sonam D/O Radheshyam Singh, R/O-B-226 C-1, K.D.Colony, Sector-12, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110022, have changed the name of my minor daughter V ARADHIYA, aged 07 years, and she shall hereafter be known as ARADHIYA JYOTI. 0040512046-4

I, S Vikram, S/o Late Sh.Shekharan, R/o-S-126/431, K.D.Colony, Sector-12, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110022, have changed my name to Shekharan Vikram. 0040512022-9

I, Ritu Banya W/o Raj Kumar Banya R/o-Flat No.19-C Aravalli Apartment, Block-D-1 Sector-52, Noida Gautambudh Nagar-201301, have changed my name to Rita Banya for all purposes. 0040511974-1

I, Renu W/o Arsal Kumar R/o-D-6, Adarsh Nagar, Meerut, U.P., have changed my name from Reenu Singh to Renu for all future purposes. 0040511982-3

I, Jasmeet Sehgal @ Jintender Sehgal R/o-Pradeep Kumar Sehgal R/o-F-7 Street No.3, West Chander Nagar Delhi-110051, have changed my name to Jatin Sehgal for all purposes. 0040511932-1

I, Ravi Kishor S/o Ram Kanwar Sharma R/o-WZ-2371, Raja Park, Shakur-Basti, Delhi, changed name to Ravi Kishor. 0040512000-4

I, Ram Niwas S/o Sonal R/o-S-146/264, Adarsh Basti, Mohammad-Pur, R.K.Puram, Delhi-110066, have changed my name to Ram Niwas Kashyap. 0040511978-1

I, Rajani Gupta W/O Anil Kumar R/O-L-1/65, A, Dda Flats, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019, changed my name to Rajni Gupta. 0040512046-1

I, Rahul Kumar Agarwal S/o-Roop Chand Aggarwal R/o-595-C, Galin-38, U.G.F, Onkar-Nagar-C, Trinagar, Delhi-35. Have Changed My Name To Rahul Aggarwal. 0040511978-9

I, Pushp Lata W/O Dalbir Singh Hooda R/O-VPD-Baroda, Tehsil-Gohana Haryana-131301, Have Changed My Name To Pushpa Devi For All Future Purpose. 0040511982-4

I, Praveen Chauhan urf Preeti D/o Shri Tumesh Singh R/o Flat No.9, Rama Krishna Apartment No.1, Sector-9, Rohini, Delhi-110085, do hereby informs that Praveen Chauhan urf Preeti & Preeti both are the same person, that it is my true statement. 0040511973-1

I, Prashant Gupta S/o Rajpal Kansal R/o-Opp.Town School, Main Road, Muradnagar, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Prashant Gupta. 0040511976-2

I, Prashant Gupta R/o Opp.Town School, Main Road, Muradnagar, Ghaziabad have changed my son's name from Naksh to Naksh Gupta. 0040511976-3

I, Pawan Gupta S/o Tek Chand Gupta R/o-Gh-233, Windsor Park, Vaibhav-Khand, Shri-Suncity, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, have changed my name to Pawan Kumar Gupta. 0040511976-8

I, Parveen W/o Krishan R/o-SRS-20, Village-Perragarhi, New Delhi-110087, have changed my name from Parveen Vanita for all purposes. 0040511978-7

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I, Deepak S/o Vinod Kumar Goyal R/o-B-1/102 Varun Apartment, Sec-9, Rohini, Delhi, have changed my name to Deepak Goyal. 0040511978-1

I, Deepak Kumar alias Deepak Kumar Sharma R/o-T-3575, Raja Park, Shakur-Basti, Delhi, changed name to Deepak Sharma. 0040511976-9

I, Chhavi Handa W/o Varun Sabharwal R/o-A/22, G.F., Janakpuri, Delhi-110058, have changed my name to Chhavi Sabharwal for future. 0040512022-4

I, Bilkish W/o Mohd. Alt R/o-A-297 Old Seemapuri Delhi-110095, inform that my DoB is wrongly written 01/01/1968 in my Passport No.J8613290. My actual dob is 01/01/1948 as per Aadhar. 0040511957-3

I, Neelam W/o Sh. Raj Kumar R/o H-25, West Patel Nagar, New Delhi-110008 have changed my name to Neelam Gupta. 0040512022-7

I, Bal Krishan Luthra S/O Ram Lal Luthra R/o-A-1/332 A, Keshav Puram, Delhi-110035. Changed My Name To Bal Krishan Luthra. 0040511948-2

I, Naval Kishore S/o Shiv Bahadur Pandey R/o-D-727 J.J.Camp New Sanjay Amar Colony Delhi-32, have changed my name to Naval Kishor. 0040511957-5

I, Mohmmad Salim S/o-Noor Mohmmad R/o-E-83, MK Residency, Plot.No-8, B, Sec.11, Dwarka, New Delhi-110058, have changed my name to Neeraj Singh. 0040511976-1

I, Anees Ur Rehman S/o-Muhammed Ur Rehman R/o J/110, J-Extension-Krishan Kunj Laxmi-Nagar Delhi-110092, changed my name to Anis Ur Rehman S/o-Moin Ur Rehman. 0040511957-8

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I, Baljeet Kaur W/o Jasbir Singh Nag R/o E-170, Kalkaji, New Delhi-110019 have changed my name to Baljeet Kaur for all future purposes. 0040511957-2

I, Indra Deo Garg here by inform that original Allotment Letter, Possession Letter and Share Certificate pertains to Flat No.B-3 St-3 Sector-7 Dwarka, New Delhi, has been lost. 0040511957-1



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SECTOR WATCH  
BANKINGState-owned banks  
step up NPA sale  
to ARCs to clean  
balance sheetSUNNY VERMA  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11

PUBLIC SECTOR banks have increased the pace of sale of non-performing assets (NPAs) to asset reconstruction companies in order to trim their NPAs. State-owned banks have put up nearly Rs 10,000 crore worth of bad loan assets for sale to ARCs since July, more than double of total bad debt of Rs 4,000 crore that was sold to ARCs in April-June.

After the Reserve Bank of India amended its stressed asset resolution framework, banks no longer have the compulsion to take NPA accounts to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) for resolution. They now have the flexibility to resolve bad debt.

The RBI's Prudential Framework for Resolution of Stressed Assets issued on June 7, 2019, which replaced the earlier controversial February 12, 2018, circular on resolution, allows banks sale of stressed standard assets that are in default, as part of the resolution process. "It's not feasible to take every resolution case to the insolvency court as that is time consuming and slows down the recovery process. We have identified large number of assets that can be resolved by sale to ARCs," a senior banker with a state-owned bank said, asking not to be named.

Punjab National Bank this month put up for sale nearly a dozen NPA assets to recover dues of more than Rs 1,234 crore. The accounts include Visa Steel, which has dues of Rs 441.83 crore, IndBarath Energy (Utkal) Rs 414.23 crore, Aster Private Ltd Rs 113.57 crore and Om Shiv Estates Rs 100.16 crore. The lender has invited bids for sale on 100 per cent cash basis by September 20. Other banks including State Bank of India have also followed this route to prune NPAs and boost recoveries.

The lenders typically get 15 per cent upfront cash on the sale value of the assets while for the remaining 85 per cent,

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the ARCs issue security receipts to banks. While the RBI rules require ARCs to pay a minimum of 15 per cent upfront, most lenders are keen to get 100 per cent cash payment against sale of assets. To promote the ARC mode of resolution of stressed assets, the government has allowed foreign direct investors to pick up 100 per cent stake in ARCs.

Resolution through ARCs has been growing over the recent years. The book value of loan assets taken over by the ARCs from banks and financial institutions have risen to Rs 3.79 lakh crore in fiscal year 2018-19, up from Rs 3.23 lakh crore in 2017-18 and Rs 2.56 lakh crore in 2016-17. Banks typically offload their bad debts to around 24 ARCs currently operating in India to clean up their balance sheet.

In order to promote resolution through sale of NPAs, an RBI-constituted expert committee, in its report earlier this month, has recommended that foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) be allowed to directly buy distressed assets from banks. "FPIs may also be allowed to directly purchase distressed loans from banks within permissible annual prudential limits defined by RBI in consultation with the Government of India," according to report of the Task Force on the Development of Secondary Market for Corporate Loans. The central bank has recently allowed banks to sell certain category of bad assets to eligible External Commercial Borrowing lenders.

REPORT FRAUDS WITHOUT FEAR OF REPERCUSSION: MoS FINANCE  
Banks should use IBC only if other mechanisms fail: GovtEN SECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 11

UNION MINISTER OF State for Finance Anurag Thakur on Wednesday asked banks not to use the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) for every stressed asset but refer such matters to the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) only when other resolution mechanisms fail.

There should be an attempt to resolve stressed assets outside the NCLT process, as this would help banks and the business community, Thakur said. "I would therefore request bankers to try to resolve stressed assets in the right earnest and refer cases to NCLT only if satisfied resolution outside the NCLT is not available. We should not use NCLT for every case. This is going to help the business community, banks as well," he said at the 72nd annual general meeting of Indian Banks' Association (IBA).

He assured bankers to take decision to lend to the industry without any fear of 'witch-hunting' in future by any investigative agencies. "I want to assure you (bankers) that the decisions taken by you in course of business in good faith with a sound

EXPLAINED

## Other forms of resolution may help faster loan recovery

THE GOVERNMENT has appealed to banks to first explore NPA resolution outside the framework of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Court, and take cases to National Company Law Tribunal only if other forms of resolution fail.

In the backdrop of resolution cases getting delayed in various benches of NCLT, other forms of resolution could lead to faster recovery of loans with the option of invoking the IBC always remaining with the banks. The banks are increasingly selling NPAs to Asset Reconstruction Companies in recent months to boost recovery, as an alternate to the IBC-led resolution process.

business rationale will not face any witch-hunt," Thakur said.

Bankers should timely report frauds without any fear of repercussions, he said. Thakur said despite a 110 basis points repo rate reduction by the Reserve Bank of India over the last few months, banks have not passed on the full benefit to the consumers. "Only a fraction of the rate cuts benefits were passed-on by the banks to borrowers. I appeal to banks to further pass on the benefits of the rate cuts to companies which will lead to an increase in the

consumption cycle, thereby leading to a revival in their investments," he said.

In the last five years, the government has recapitalised public sector banks (PSBs) by over Rs 2 trillion, and recently also announced an immediate capital infusion of Rs 70,000 crore in these lenders. Thakur said the banks are being encouraged to lend more to NBFCs, which will improve the availability of credit in the market and reduce the liquidity crunch.

"I am positive that the steps taken by the RBI mandating the

banks to link their fresh retail loans issued from October 1 to an external benchmark will lead to cheaper funds for the borrowers," he said, adding that it will also reduce the cost of working capital loans for the industry. He also requested IBA to look into the transfer and human resource policies at banks, especially for women employees. "If you are going away thousands of kilometers from your home, and if you are not mentally there then ultimately it is going to impact customers," Thakur said.

The government had earlier this year approved a clutch of amendments to the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code with an intent to make the resolution/liquidation process faster and also remove ambiguities, if any, that might have resulted in various NCLT/NCLAT benches giving rulings that were divergent and even went against the spirit of the legislation.

"Recovery through the IBC was Rs 70,000 crore in fiscal 2019 – or twice the Rs 35,500 crore recovered through other resolution mechanisms such as the Debt Recovery Tribunal, Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Securities Interest Act, and Lok Adalat – in fiscal 2018," Crisis said in a report.

India to host meeting of RCEP members on Sept 14-15; will protect industry interest: Goyal

EN SECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11

REPRESENTATIVES FROM countries negotiating the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) are expected to discuss measures to further strengthen the deal this weekend during a meeting called by the Indian government, said Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday.

With the deadline for India to sign the mega trade deal nearing, the minister told reporters here that the country would ensure that its domestic industry would be protected in keeping with national interest, but that national interest cannot be "hijacked" by one or two sectors.

Delegates from the 16 RCEP countries are expected to travel to New Delhi for further discussions on the mega trade deal on September 14 and 15, he said.

Goyal said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi directed him to conduct RCEP negotiations while "taking all steps" to protect the domestic industry. "At the same time, we have to keep in mind (bigger business opportunities) of new technology, foreign investment and opening up of the services sector ... otherwise, Indian exporters will be at a disadvantage," he said.

RCEP is a mega trade deal currently being negotiated between 16 countries, including the 10-member countries of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), China, Japan, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand and India.

India currently has a trade deficit with China, and segments of the country's domestic industry have in the past raised fears that agreeing to the mega trade deal would lead to cheaper Chinese products "flooding" the Indian market. However, not all industries have raised these issues, according to the minister.

"We have half the industry saying please bring RCEP, and we can increase exports dramatically. Then, there is a section of industry which feels that we should not have RCEP," he said.

The minister also said that he has given the patent office new targets to speed up approvals for patent and copyright applications by micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) as well as startups. The government is expected to announce more concessions in these sectors for these approvals "soon", he added.

"I believe we will bring historical changes and speed in copyrights and patent approvals in the next 1-1.5 years," said Goyal.



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Indian basket as on September 10, 2019



"... we have to keep in mind (bigger business opportunities) of new technology, foreign investment and opening up of the services sector ... otherwise, Indian exporters will be at a disadvantage'

PIYUSH GOYAL

COMMERCE AND

INDUSTRY MINISTER

Korea, \$12 billion.

"We have requested those two countries to review these FTAs as soon as possible," he said. While concerns have been raised by several domestic industries on China's presence in the RCEP bloc, the minister said that the Indian industry was "literally vertically split" in its decision to join the deal.

India currently has \$53.6 billion trade deficit with China, and segments of the country's domestic industry have in the past raised fears that agreeing to the mega trade deal would lead to cheaper Chinese products "flooding" the Indian market. However, not all industries have raised these issues, according to the minister.

"We have half the industry saying please bring RCEP, and we can increase exports dramatically. Then, there is a section of industry which feels that we should not have RCEP," he said.

The minister also said that he has given the patent office new targets to speed up approvals for patent and copyright applications by micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) as well as startups. The government is expected to announce more concessions in these sectors for these approvals "soon", he added.

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## SBI to sell up to 4.5% stake in life insurance firm

EN SECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 11

THE BOARD of State Bank of India (SBI) on Wednesday approved the divestment of up to 4.5 per cent stake in SBI Life Insurance through an offer for sale (OFS) route.

The stake sale will fetch around Rs 3,595 crore at the current market price of SBI Life.

The executive committee of the central board (ECCB) of SBI in its meeting held today gave its nod to the stake sale decision, SBI said in a regulatory filing on Wednesday.

"SBI proposes to sell up to 3.50 crore equity shares, in aggregate

gate representing 3.50 per cent of the total issued and paid-up equity share capital of SBI Life Insurance on September 12 (for non-retail investors only) and on September 13 (for retail investors and for non-retail investors who choose to carry forward their un-allotted bids) with an option to additionally sell up to one crore equity shares (representing 1.00 per cent of the total issued and paid-up equity share capital of the company)," SBI Life said. In the event the oversubscription is exercised, the equity shares forming part of the base offer size will be referred to as the "sale shares" through the separate designated window of the BSE and the NSE, it said.

However, in the event such

## TO GET AROUND ₹3,595 CR AT SBI LIFE MARKET PRICE

■ The executive committee of the central board (ECCB) of SBI in its meeting held today gave its nod to the stake sale decision, State Bank of India said in a regulatory filing

■ SBI Life's asset under management (AUM) stood at

Rs 1.47 lakh crore as on June 30, up 22 per cent from Rs 1.20 lakh crore a year earlier. The private equity firm Carlyle Group in March this year had acquired 9.25 per cent stake of the SBI Life from co-promoter group BNP Paribas Cardif for a deal worth nearly Rs 5,500 crore

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had acquired 9.25 per cent stake of the SBI Life from co-promoter group BNP Paribas Cardif for a deal worth nearly Rs 5,500 crore.

SBI Life recorded a rise of 5 per cent in its net profit to Rs 371.90 crore in the first quarter ended June 30 in FY20. The firm's net profit during the same quarter of the previous financial year ended March 2019 stood at Rs 345.31 crore.

The gross written premium during the first quarter of FY20 grew 41 per cent to Rs 6,690 crore in comparison to Rs 4,760 crore a year ago. SBI shares closed the intraday trade at Rs 285.30 or 2.66 per cent on the NSE. SBI Life shares closed 1.13 per cent lower at Rs 798.75 on the BSE.

CHINA ANNOUNCED its first batch of tariff exemptions for 16 types of US products, days ahead of a planned meeting between trade negotiators from the two countries to try and de-escalate their bruising tariff row.

The exemptions will apply to US goods including some anti-cancer drugs and lubricants, as well as the animal feed ingredients whey and fish meal, the Ministry of Finance said in a statement on its website on Wednesday.

Beijing said in May that it

would start a waiver programme, amid growing worries over the cost of the protracted trade war on its already slowing economy. Some analysts view the move as a friendly gesture but don't see it as a signal that both sides are readying a deal.

China has imposed several rounds of duties on US goods in retaliation against US Section 301 tariffs, beginning last year in July and August with 25 per cent levy on about \$50 billion of US imports.

In all, the world's two largest economies have slapped tariff on hundreds of billions of dollars worth of goods in a bitter trade war.

## China exempts several US goods from retaliatory tariffs

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BEIJING, SEPTEMBER 11

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## Trump seeks negative rates from US Fed

Washington: US President Donald Trump on Wednesday called on the "boneheads" at the Federal Reserve to push interest rates down into negative territory, a move reluctantly used by other world central banks to battle weak economic growth that risks punishing savers and banks' earnings in the process. "The Federal Reserve should get our interest rates down to ZERO, or less ...," Trump tweeted.

"Once in a lifetime opportunity that we are missing because of 'boneheads,'" Reuters

## Auto, realty indices gain on stimulus hopes

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 11

Both the indices registered their biggest single-day gain in the last four months

two-wheelers, while markets are anticipating some relief measures for realty sector by the government. Deven Choksey, managing director of KR Choksey Investment Managers, said, "Government is planning to come out with scrappage policy for auto sector, and if this policy

is introduced then it will generate new demand in the system which is good for auto sector. Even for real estate, I think some policy is ready to be rolled out by the government which has helped the markets."

BSE Auto index on Wednesday ended the day at 16,665.83 points up by 565.52 points, while BSE Realty went up by 87.42 points to end the day at 2049.87 points.

All the 16 stocks in BSE Auto index ended the day in green with Tata Motors and Eicher Motors gaining by 10.21 per cent and 4.98 per cent respectively.

While in BSE Realty index, nine out of ten stocks ended the day in gains. Oberoi Realty went up by 10.21 per cent followed by Godrej Properties, up 6.84 per cent on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the 30-share index settled 125.37 points, or 0.34 per cent, higher at 37,270.82. Similarly, the broader NSE Nifty rose 32.65 points, or 0.30 per cent, to finish at 11,035.70.

However, IT, teck, FMCG, oil and gas and utilities ended up to 1.29 per cent lower.

The broader BSE midcap and smallcap indices rallied up to 1.43 per cent. **WITH FE & PTI**

## Global layoffs in Uber: 'Some' impact in India

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11

UBER, WHICH let go of about 435 employees across product and engineering teams globally, on Wednesday said "some jobs in India have been impacted".

"India is a global engineering hub for Uber and we remain committed to significantly scaling up our teams in Hyderabad and Bengaluru to around 1,000 people. Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi will visit both engineering centres next month to meet employees

and underscore our strategic investment in building the finest technology in India for the world," an Uber India spokesperson said.

The spokesperson, however, declined to comment as to how many jobs have been lost in the country. "...We're making some changes to get us back on track ... These were incredibly difficult calls as it means some of our employees no longer have a role, specifically around 170 people in our product group and 265 in engineering, which is roughly 8 per cent of those two organisations,"

Uber said in a statement. **FE**

## BRIEFLY

### CBDT facility for I-T offence compounding

New Delhi: A one-time facility to apply for compounding of income tax offences has been launched and taxpayers can avail this opportunity by December 31, a latest CBDT directive said.

### OPEC cuts 2020 crude oil demand forecast

London: In a monthly report, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries cut its forecast for global oil demand growth next year by 60,000 barrels per day (bpd) to 1.08 million bpd and indicated the market would be in surplus.

### 'Millennials opting for Uber, Ola may not be a big factor'

Guwahati: Millennials opting for ride hailing services like Ola and Uber may not be that strong a factor for the current slowdown in auto sales and a detailed study is needed to arrive at any conclusion in the contrary, according to Maruti Suzuki India executive director (Marketing and Sales) Shashank Srivastava.

### Alok Industries: NCLAT impleads Sebi as a party

New Delhi: The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) has impleaded the market regulator SEBI as a party in a petition filed by Reliance Industries Ltd, which is seeking waiver in delisting procedure for Alok Industries. **PTI**

### Apple TV+ to cost ₹99 per month in India

New Delhi: At an event held in California on Tuesday, Apple CEO Tim Cook announced the price of the tech giant's streaming service, Apple TV+. The Apple Arcade gaming service and Apple TV+ service will cost ₹99 in India per month. **ENS**

### China auto sales fall

#### 6.9% in Aug

Beijing: China auto sales fell for 14th month in August. Sales fell 6.9% from August 2018, China Association of Automobile Manufacturers said. **REUTERS**

**GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU**  
**HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT**  
VILLUPURAM (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE,  
TENDER NOTICE  
TENDER NOTICE NO.14 /2019 - 20 / H.D.O. DATED:29.08.2019

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 14.10.2019 - 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer, (H) C&M, Villupuram Circle for CRIDP 2019-20 works, (Package No.63 to 68) pertaining to Cuddalore (H) C&M Division.

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**SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H),  
C&M, CIRCLE, VILLUPURAM**  
DIPR/3149/TENDER/2019

**GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU**  
**HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT**  
TIRUPUR (CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE  
TENDER NOTICE  
T.N. No. 10/2019-20/HDO, dated 07.09.2019

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 14.10.2019 upto 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Tirupur Circle for CRIDP 2019-20 Works, (Package No. 66) pertaining to Dharapuram (H) C&M Division

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**SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H),  
C&M, CIRCLE, TIRUPUR**  
DIPR/3152/TENDER/2019

**GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU**  
**HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT**  
Salem (Construction and Maintenance) Circle  
TENDER NOTICE  
Tender Notice No.8 / 2019-20 / HDO / Dated : 07.09.2019

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamilnadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 14.10.2019 - 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer, (H), C&M, Salem Circle, for CRIDP 2019-20 Works, (Package No.73 to 77) pertaining to Dharapuram and Krishnagiri (H) (C&M) Divisions.

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**SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H)  
(C&M) CIRCLE, SALEM**  
DIPR/3154/TENDER/2019

**GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU**  
**HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT**  
Trichy (Construction and Maintenance) Circle  
TENDER NOTICE  
Tender Notice No.11/2019-20/HDO/Dated : 06.09.2019.

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 14.10.2019 - 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer, (H) C&M, Trichy Circle, TVS Tollgate, Pudukkottai Road, Trichy-20 for CRIDP 2019-20 works, (Package No.65 to 70) pertaining to Nagapattinam and Thiruvarur (H) (C&M) Division.

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**SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H)  
C&M, Circle, Trichy-20.**  
DIPR/3108/TENDER/2019

**GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU**  
**HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT**  
(CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE,  
TIRUNELVELI  
TENDER NOTICE  
Tender Notice No.08/2019-20/D1/Dated:10.09.2019

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 15.10.2019 at 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H) C&M, Tirunelveli Circle for CRIDP-2019-20 Works, (Package No.33 to 43) pertaining to Tirunelveli (H) C&M Division

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**SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H)  
C&M, TIRUNELVELI CIRCLE**  
DIPR/3164/TENDER/2019

**GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU**  
**HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT**  
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE CIRCLE,  
MADURAI  
TENDER NOTICE  
Tender Notice No.13/2019-20/HDO/Dated 10.09.2019

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil nadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 16.10.2019, 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Madurai Circle for CRIDP 2019-20 Work, Widening and Improvements of Roads around Palani Arulmigu Dhandayathapani Swamy Temple comprising of Dindigul Coimbatore Thimmam Bangalore Road (SHU108), Palani Adiavaram Thekkanthottam Road (MD310), Palani Palaru Porundalar Dam Road (via) Balasamuthiram Road (MD110), Railway Feeder Road, Idubenetteri, Kulathu Bye Pass and Thiruvalluvar Road including Junction Improvements, Construction of Foot path cum Drain with hand rails, Protective works and cross drainage works. (Highways Road 5.95 Km, Municipality & Union Road 7.00 Km) including upkeep for a period of 60 months pertaining PALANI (H) C&M DIVISION.

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**SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H)  
C&M, MADURAI CIRCLE**  
DIPR/3158/TENDER/2019

**GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU**  
**HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT**  
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE CIRCLE,  
MADURAI  
TENDER NOTICE  
Tender Notice No.13/2019-20/HDO/Dated 10.09.2019

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil nadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 16.10.2019, 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Madurai Circle for CRIDP 2019-20 Work, Widening and Improvements of Roads around Palani Arulmigu Dhandayathapani Swamy Temple comprising of Dindigul Coimbatore Thimmam Bangalore Road (SHU108), Palani Adiavaram Thekkanthottam Road (MD310), Palani Palaru Porundalar Dam Road (via) Balasamuthiram Road (MD110), Railway Feeder Road, Idubenetteri, Kulathu Bye Pass and Thiruvalluvar Road including Junction Improvements, Construction of Foot path cum Drain with hand rails, Protective works and cross drainage works. (Highways Road 5.95 Km, Municipality & Union Road 7.00 Km) including upkeep for a period of 60 months pertaining PALANI (H) C&M DIVISION.

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**SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H)  
C&M, MADURAI CIRCLE**  
DIPR/3158/TENDER/2019

**GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU**  
**HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT**  
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE CIRCLE,  
MADURAI  
TENDER NOTICE  
Tender Notice No.13/2019-20/HDO/Dated 10.09.2019

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**SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H)  
C&M, MADURAI CIRCLE**  
DIPR/3160/TENDER/2019

**GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU**  
**HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT**  
Trichy Highways (Construction and Maintenance) Circle  
TENDER NOTICE  
Tender Notice No.12/2019-20/H.D.O / Dated: 09.09.2019

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 16.10.2019, 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H) C&M, Trichy Circle, TVS Tollgate, Pudukkottai Road, Trichy - 20 for CRIDP 2019-20 works (Package No.71 to 89) pertaining Pudukkottai (H) C&M Division.

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**Superintending Engineer (H),  
C&M Circle, Trichy - 20**  
DIPR/3160/TENDER/2019

**GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU**  
**HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT**  
COIMBATORE (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE  
TENDER NOTICE  
Tender Notice No. 8 / 2019-20 / HDO / Dated 10.09.2019

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 14.10.2019, 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Coimbatore Circle for CRIDP 2019-20 Works, (Package No.76) pertaining to Udhagai (H) C&M Division.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from 13.09.2019 onwards in the Government website <https://tntenders.gov.in>. If any Changes/Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

**SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H),  
C&M Circle, Coimbatore**  
DIPR/3148/TENDER/2019

**GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU**  
**HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT**  
VILLUPURAM (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE,  
TENDER NOTICE  
TENDER NOTICE NO.13 /2019 – 20 / HDO. DATED:28.08.2019

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 14.10.2019 - 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer, (H) C&M, Villupuram Circle for CRIDP 2019-20 Works, (Package No.56 to 62) pertaining to Cuddalore (H) C&M Division.

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**SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H),  
C&M Circle, Villupuram**  
DIPR/3148/TENDER/2019

**GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU**  
**HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT**  
Salem (Construction and Maintenance) Circle  
TENDER NOTICE  
Tender Notice No.7 / 2019-20 / HDO / Dated : 06.09.2019

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamilnadu, Percentage tender through online only will be received upto 14.10.2019 upto 15.00 hours by the Superintending Engineer, (H), C&M, Salem Circle, for CRIDP 2019-20 Works, (Package No.53 to 72) pertaining Dharapuram and Krishnagiri (H) (C&M) Divisions.

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**SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H)  
(C&M) CIRCLE, SALEM**  
DIPR/3153/TENDER/2019

**GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU**  
**HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT**  
Trichy Highways (Construction and Maintenance) Circle  
TENDER NOTICE  
Tender Notice No.10/2019-20/H.D.O / Dated: 05.09.2019

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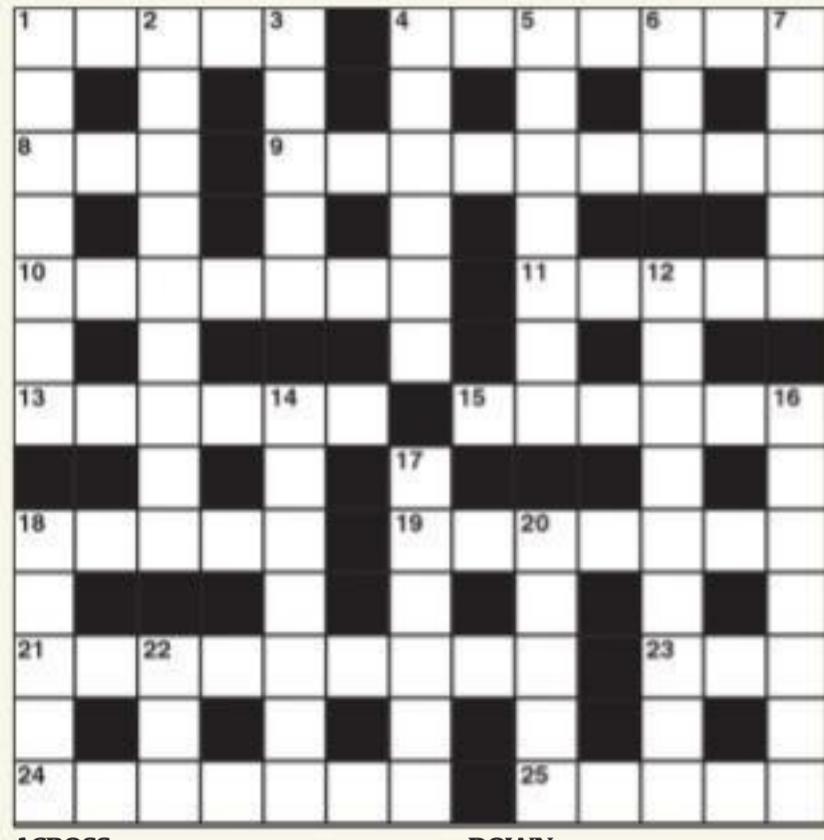
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**Superintending Engineer (H),  
C&M Circle, Trichy - 20**  
DIPR/3110/TENDER/2019

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N.I.T.No.32 (2019-20



## CROSSWORD 3908



ACROSS

1 Not all the number may be burnt (5)  
4 Boxed by fashionable drapers? (7)  
8 Is obliged to take part in the chase (3)  
9 Actor involved in the drama is aiming to please (9)  
10 They gather in the countryside (7)  
11 Jason's craft heads north in the atmosphere (5)  
13 Community do (6)  
15 Music in stock (6)  
18 Barker put in business rig-out (5)  
19 Picture held in fancy (7)  
21 Left alone by those who seek advances? (9)  
23 Food that may be bolted (3)  
24 The boss went without head pupil (7)  
25 Try a paper (5)

DOWN

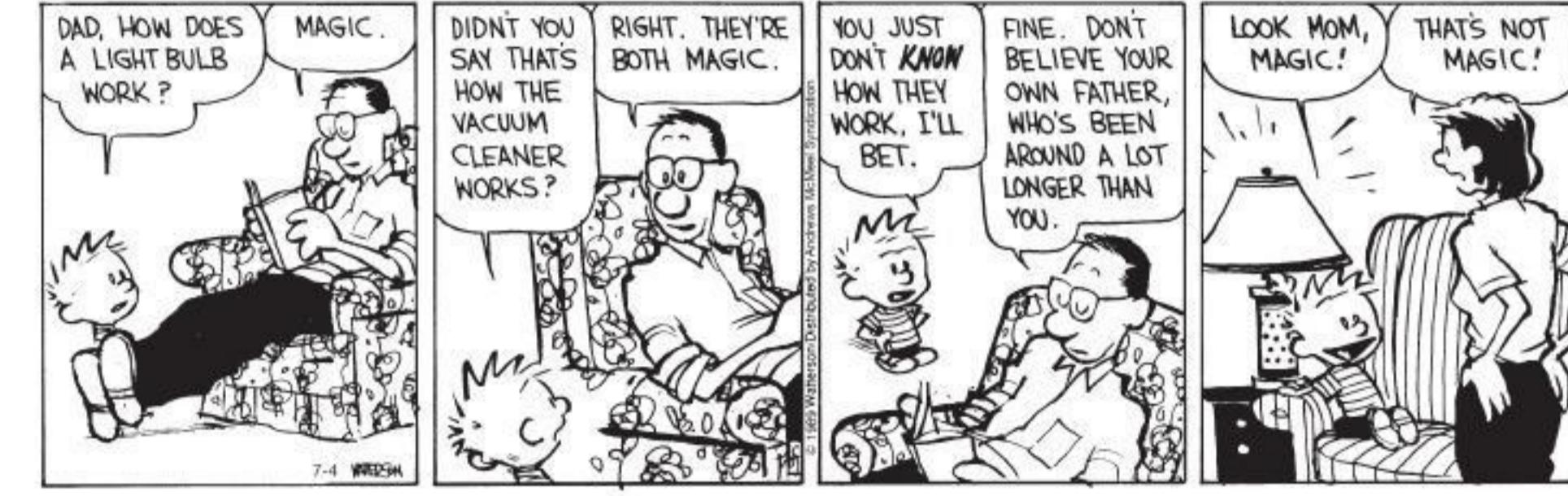
1 Acted as a director and employed her inside (7)  
2 A witness who takes no part in the proceedings (9)  
3 It's pure nonsense holding Eastern money (5)  
4 A press organisation thinly scattered (6)  
5 The first male worker in hard stone (7)  
6 Brazilian port or I am wrong (3)  
7 Senior member gives a party with foreign money (5)  
12 They vary according to inclination (9)  
14 In France the one indisputable freedom (7)  
16 A sign that visitors aren't welcome (2,5)  
17 Up-to-date humorist has a success (4-2)  
18 Associations for drivers? (5)  
20 Clergyman in drink is confused (5)  
22 Most authors have written about this Greek character (3)

Solutions Crossword 3907: Across: 1 Detachment, 8 Reeve, 9 Tremolo, 10 Private, 11 Delta, 12 Bugler, 14 Edward, 17 Igloo, 19 Goliath, 21 Ascribe, 22 Siren, 23 Sandstorms. Down: 2 Evening, 3 Arena, 4 Hatred, 5 Envied, 6 Troll, 7 Noward then, 8 Republican, 13 Emotion, 15 Anagram, 16 Agrees, 18 Laces, 20 Lasso.

## OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry &amp; T Lewis



## CALVIN &amp; HOBBS by Bill Watterson



## MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



## JUMBLE WORDS

Below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given query.

To love and \_\_\_ is the best thing. To love and \_\_\_ the next best. - William Makepeace Thackeray (3-4)

TKOES

IISTLN

HTXIS

ILLOPW

- William Makepeace Thackeray  
Answer: To love and **WANT** is the best thing. To love and **lose**, the next best.

## SUDOKU 3967

## Difficulty Level 5s

## Instructions

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

## Difficulty Level

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy;  
3s = Medium; 4s = Hard;  
5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius



## SOLUTION SUDOKU 3966

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
HARBOUR ENGINEERING DIVISION (NORTH)  
KONKAN BHAVAN NAVI MUMBAI

## E-TENDER NOTICE No. 22 - YEAR 2019-2020

ONLINE itemwise rate e-tenders in 'B-2' Form are invited by Harbour Engineer, Harbour Engineering Division (North) Konkan Bhavan, Navi Mumbai. (Ph.No. 022-27571534) for the following work from Contractors registered/ Unregistered/ capable in appropriate class of Public Works Department of the Maharashtra State.

Name of Work- Repairs and Strengthening to Damaged sea wall & Promenade inside Naval area at Colaba in Mumbai. Ch. 0/0 to 510 Meter.

Estimated Cost- Rs. 16,24,14,168/-

Note -

1. e-Tender fees and EMD should be paid through online gateway mode. The fees of tender document will be non-refundable.

2. Other terms and condition are included with e-tender form. The right to cancel or reject above e-tender without assigning any reason with competent authority.

3. e-Tender will be valid up to 120 days from the date of opening tender.

4. Detailed e-tender notice can be seen on the Notice Board in the office of the Harbour Engineer, Harbour Engineering Division (North) 5th floor, Konkan Bhavan, Navi Mumbai. Tender notice can also be seen on web site [www.mahapwd.com](http://www.mahapwd.com)

Note - This e-tender notice includes one work. Detailed of notice and e-tender can be seen on following web site. If any change this e-tender can be viewed on following web site only. The changes will not be published in any newspaper.

<http://mahatenders.gov.in> & <https://mahapwd.com>

e-tender Downloading period - Dt. 10.09.2019 to 04.10.2019

Pre-Bid Meeting - Dt. 26.09.2019 at 12.00 pm

e-tender opening period - Dt. 07.10.2019 to 08.10.2019

NHD/AB/TC/1378/2019

Office of the Harbour Engineer, Harbour Engineering Division (North) 5th floor Konkan Bhavan Navi Mumbai.

Pin Code - 400 614

Date :- 05.09.2019

DGIPR 2019-2020/2818

Sd/-  
Harbour Engineer,  
Harbour Engineering Division (North)  
Konkan Bhavan Navi Mumbai.

## NOTICE INVITING

## e-TENDERS

The Executive Engineer, Civil Division No. XI, I&FC Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Sector-15, Rohini, New Delhi-110085 invites on behalf of the President of India, online Percentage Rate tender from approved and eligible contractor registered with Irrigation & Flood Control Department for the following works and the Tender forms and other details can be obtained from the website <https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in>:

1. NIT No: EE/CD-XI/NIT-12/2019-20/

Sub-Work:- Construction of Chhat Puja Ghat on the right bank of Supplementary Drain adjacent to the existing Chhat Ghat at Nihal Vihar.

Estimated Cost: Rs. 1875600/- Earnest Money: Rs. 37512/-

Period of completion: 45 Days, Last date & time of submission of tender: upto 03:00 p.m. on 12.09.2019.

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## MAHARASHTRA POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

Kalpalan Point, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Opp. Cine Plant Cinema, Near Sion Circle, Sion (East), Mumbai - 400 022. Tel. 022-24020781/24010437 Fax-022-24023516 E-Mail: [iair@mpcb.gov.in](mailto:iair@mpcb.gov.in) Website: <http://www.mpcb.gov.in>

## e-Tender Notice: MPCB/JD(APC)/05/2019

Maharashtra Pollution Control Board invites e-Tender from the manufacturers and authorized Agencies for Supply and providing O & M Support for Noise Level Meters - Type I to MPC Board offices in the State of Maharashtra - (45 Numbers). The Bid Document can be downloaded from following sub portal on GOM e-Tendering website <https://maharashtra.etenders.in> from 23/9/2019 onwards by making online payment of Rs.5000/- (Five thousand only).

Sub Portal: Organizations of Government of Maharashtra URL: <https://allgom.maharashtra.etenders.in>

To know detailed time schedule of e-Tendering stages, kindly visit aforementioned sub portal on the GOM e-Tendering website. It is mandatory for all bidders to submit the print of purchase of e-Tender document to attend the pre bid meeting and same should be uploaded with e-Bids.

Other Key Dates:

Pre-bid meeting date at above office : 5.10.2019 Time: 2.30 PM

For any change in schedule, Corrigendum's from time to time, please visit <https://maharashtra.etenders.in>.

Member Secretary

Maharashtra Pollution Control Board

## Government of India

## Bhabha Atomic Research Centre

## Technical Services Division

## North Site, Trombay, Mumbai-85

## Notice Inviting e-Tenders

The Chief Engineer, Technical Services Division, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, North Site, BARC, Trombay, Mumbai - 400 085, on behalf of the President of India invites online item rate tenders on two bid system for following work :-

NIT No. BARC/TSD/53/2019-20, Name of work - Design and construction of Bio Safety Lab III (BSL-III) at RMC facility of BARC, Parel, Mumbai. Estimated cost - ₹ 2,70,00,000/-, Earnest Money - ₹ 54,00,000/- Period of completion - 12 months; Last date and time of submission of bid - 29.10.2019 (23:59 Hrs.).

The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the Website [www.tenderwizard.com/DAE](http://www.tenderwizard.com/DAE) or [www.barc.gov.in](http://www.barc.gov.in)

Changes if any, in the above scheduled date etc. will be notified only in the website [www.tenderwizard.com/DAE](http://www.tenderwizard.com/DAE)

Contact for assistance / clarifications 24x7 @ 9969395522 Shri Rudresh, e-mail: [rudresh.tenderwizard@gmail.com](mailto:rudresh.tenderwizard@gmail.com)

Chief Engineer

## Karnataka Soaps &amp; Detergents Limited

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Ph: 080-2337815, 23371103 Fax: 23375102, 23370498 E-mail: [ksdl.dgmm@ksdl.org](mailto:ksdl.dgmm@ksdl.org)

Date: 11.09.2019

## NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tenders are invited by KS&DL in two cover system through e-procurement portal (Website <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>) with respect to supply of following Materials/Services.

Sl. No. Tender Number Tender Name Qty. Date of publishing Last date for Bid Submission

1 KSDL/2019-20/IND3875 Procurement of Wooden Pallets 1000 Nos. 26.08.2019 25.09.2019

2 KSDL/AGM(Mtlts)/2019-20/21 Transportation of finished Products from CGFs to DPG, Bengaluru Complex KSDL, during the year 2019-20.

3 KSDL/2019-20/IND3877 Procurement of Triple Roll Milling Machine 1 No. 30.08.2019 30.09.2019

4 KSDL/AGM(Mtlts)/2019-20/22 Transportation of our products to Various Destinations in Karnataka and Goa.

5 KSDL/2019-20/OW/WORK\_INDENT107 Construction of Compound Wall in the Eastern Side of KS&DL, SOD Mysuru

6 KSDL/2019-20/IND3878 Procurement of Brine Chiller for Stamping Machine 1 No. 07.09.2019 09.10.2019

7 KSDL/2019-20/IND3876 Procurement of 7.5 KVA Static Online UPS System 1 No. 09.09.2019 09.10.2019

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Sd/- Asst. Gen. Manager (Materials)

## DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

## ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

The overall picture suggests that this is a busy day, if an expensive one.

However, there doesn't seem to be any real obligation on you towards anything which can't be left to others. This should suit those of you who either need a rest or are arranging delicate personal matters.

## TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

Other people now appear to have the right approach, but your general situation is aided by the fact that you are also instinctively more tolerant and ready to accept different points of view. In part this is because you are now more secure emotionally.

## GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

It's a nervous moment, and people around you may be jumping to conclusions for no good reason. Everyone concerned seems to be too ready to take offence, but have you considered that it might be too easy for you to make a mistake? If you fire on all cylinders you may inadvertently say the wrong thing.

## CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

You've not always been a good judge of character, partly because you always wanted to believe the best, and also because you tend to jump to instant conclusions. You deserve admiration for your trusting qualities, but perhaps you are finally seeing others as they really are.

## LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

You have survived one emotional challenge, although there may be ripples for some time yet. You should rein in your horns if you've overstretched yourself in any personal matter, and conserve your resources. This is a reckless moment, but you can let other people take the risks, especially if there are likely to be hidden costs.

## VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

All eyes will be on you. The planets aligned with public and professional sectors of your horoscope are still very strong, but in view of the generally emotional overtones of today's lunar impact, I would expect close relations and intimate friends to be urging you on.

## PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

One particularly encouraging aspect indicates that you'll be able to revive a special partnership. A little effort will be required, it may be a simple question of getting in touch. Perhaps an explanation is called for, partly because other people are impatient to get to the truth.

## LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Although you're in a generally sociable phase, during which partnerships must take first priority, today's stellar picture puts the emphasis firmly on privacy. Solitude is a valuable asset and you need to be left alone to get on with your personal ambitions in peace.

## SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

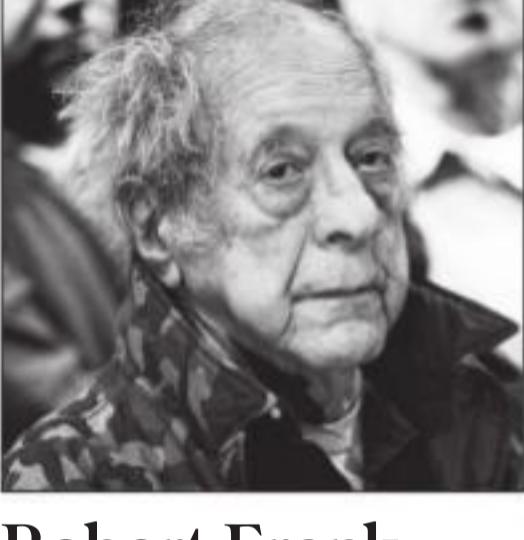
You tend to blow hot and cold in emotional relationships, retreating behind your shell the

## SNAP SHOTS



## Changing with the Times

STREAMING PLATFORM Netflix has partnered with filmmaker Karan Johar's digital arm Dharmatic Entertainment for a multi-year deal in content creation. This will entail Dharmatic to create fiction and non-fiction series and films aimed for its exclusive viewers. Johar, who had joined hands with Netflix for *Lust Stories* in 2018 and is currently directing *Ghost Stories* for the platform, said in a statement, "There is one aspect, which is very daunting in all our existence — the pressure of the Friday box-office performance and then the general performance of your film, which looms large on us filmmakers. But when you have a platform where you can showcase your creativity and your content and don't have the pressure of the box office, you are given wings to fly."



## Robert Frank Passes Away

PHOTOGRAPHER ROBERT Frank, who revolutionised documentary photography, has died at the age of 94 in Cape Breton Island. The Swiss-American photographer was best-known for his revolutionary book *The Americans* which challenged conventional art forms, as he delved into themes of loneliness and isolation. One of the finest examples of his master works, it captured images from everyday American life, ranging from teenagers in love and bikers to the lives of factory workers, to present subjects that were simple. In the '60s and '70s, Frank had attained the status of being an antidote to the traditional culture when emerging as an avant-garde filmmaker. The groundbreaking photographer, is survived by his wife, June Leaf.

## 'He gave mud buildings a brand value'

Architect Vasant Kamath, who passed away recently, championed local skills and materials

## SHINY VARGHESE

EVERYBODY KNEW Vasant Kamath to be the gentleman architect, soft spoken and calm, and his designs embodied that care he gave to detailing his buildings. With nearly half a century of architectural practice and over three decades of teaching architecture at the School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), Delhi, Vasant gave the profession the quiet confidence that those who dared, could stick it out and make a difference. He passed away in Delhi on September 3, after a long battle with cancer. He was 73.

"Vasant taught generations of students," says architect-urban designer KT Ravindran, "He had such a depth and breadth of knowledge that he could guide students in their various fields of interest. He was also public minded, and was at the forefront of different projects, even if it didn't benefit him."

His practice with architect-wife Revathi — Kamath Design Studio in Delhi — grew world renowned for their use of locally available materials and sensitivity to crafts and local skills. Be it their own mud house in Faridabad, where they turned a dis-used quarry site into an ecosystem for grasslands and seasonal plants, or an early '80s project in Seemapuri for the NGO Mobile Creches, where they explored the properties of brick to create arches and domes.

"He found what was traditional and inserted it into his modern buildings, mainstreamed the vernacular and gave mud buildings a brand value. For his six-foot-tall personality, he had a way of designing

small spaces, like he did in Mobile Creches, where every detail is thought through, be it the way the light falls or a nook takes shape. He left the expansive outside and consumed as much of it, making use of every corner in an 8ft x 8ft room," says architect Manoj Mathur, former head, Architecture Department, SPA, Delhi.

A memorial meeting for Vasant will be held at the India Islamic Centre, Delhi, on September 15 at 3 pm.

Vasant Kamath; (above) Wellness Centre and Spa in Kundli, Haryana



## SILVER LINING

Jennifer Aniston, the face behind popular American sitcom *Friends*, is making her comeback on the small screen after a gap of 15 years. She will be seen in Apple TV's *The Morning Show* in the role of a news anchor, Alex Lavey, who deals with ageism and sexism.

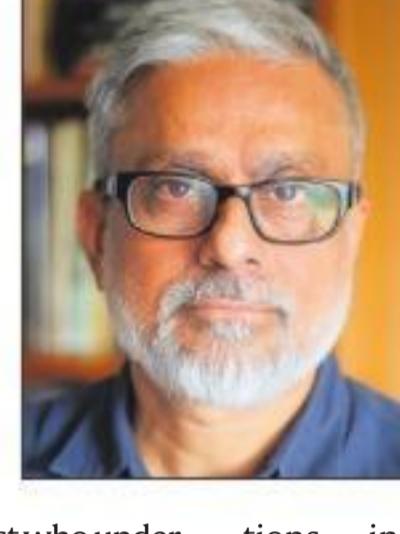
## The Invisible Army

In his latest docu-series, wildlife filmmaker Krishnendu Bose tells the stories of forest guards who man India's forests, even though their work remains largely unrecognised

## SURBH GUPTA

WHEN KRISHNENDU Bose was at Pakke Tiger Reserve in Arunachal Pradesh, shooting with his crew in a gorge, a baby elephant slipped and fell off the cliff. It was terrified, struggling to get out, when a group of forest guards came forward and rescued it. They also spotted its mother, standing on the top of the hill, looking equally terrified. Bose also talks about how Khenrab Phuntsog, a forest guard in Ladakh's Hemis National Park, suffered a heart attack, due to extreme weather conditions in the terrain. He also mentions a special squad that works round-the-clock in north Bengal's elephant corridors to keep the jumbos off the farms.

The Delhi-based wildlife filmmaker, in his new docu-series *Heroes of the Wild Frontiers*, has given a face to hundreds of these forest guards and frontline staff, who man India's forests and national parks. "Anyone working in the forests only gets to see animals, trees and forest guards; they are the only humans one sees in the wild. My learning curve, as a filmmaker and conservationist who understands little about ecology and behaviour though, a lot of it has been due to them. Their expertise has helped my craft a lot, especially when you've to place your boots on the ground, and ears and nose in the air. I have been thoroughly inspired by these guys," says Bose, who has been making films on wildlife for the last 25 years. His 2007 film *Tiger — The Death Chronicles* had won the conservation award at International Wildlife Festival in Montana USA, while *The Tiger*



"If you have three services who are entrusted with protection on the frontline — army, police and forest guards — you have to see who gets what. Forest guards are way poorer cousins with no medical facilities or rotation system. It was very difficult for us to get four-five days with them to shoot this series; if they got a message on the wireless, they had to rush," says Bose.



(Clockwise from left) Krishnendu Bose *Tashi Tobgyal*; a scene from the series shot at the Pakke Tiger Reserve; at the Hemis National Park

As one watches the series, one notices how it is the forest guard who acts as the wall during a man-animal conflict. "We saw how there were villagers pushing away the elephants and also the forest guards but while the former are trying to save their lives and property, the latter are trying to save the elephants, and in the process, saving people," says Bose. In the episode on Hemis, we learn about the snow leopard tourism project initiated by the forest department, where they have involved local communities.

A solution to man-animal conflict is very difficult, he says. "India is a developing economy and also a conservation success story. But there is a flipside: if there are more tigers today and they are slipping out of protected areas as more forests are being cut, the conflict is only going to increase. People have to learn how to co-exist with wildlife," says Bose, who hopes to add a second season to the series.



A still from Saurav Rai's *Nimtoh (Invitation)*

## The Discovery of India

MAMI 21st Mumbai Film Festival announces films that make it to the India Gold competition section

## ALAKA SAHANI

AS INDIAN filmmakers push the boundary and come up with engaging stories, the Jio MAMI 21st Mumbai Film Festival with Star cherrypicks 10 movies that celebrate India's cultural diversity and highlight its contemporary concerns, for its 'India Gold' section. The competition section showcases animator Gitanjali Rao's debut feature *Bombay Rose*, which explores the ruthlessness of a society where the love and life that reign on the big screen can crush a commoner in its mean streets. It also features Gurvinder Singh's *Bitter Chestnut (Khanaur)* that looks into the issues of migration and reverse migration. While in *Just Like That (Aise Hi)* by Kislay, a widow must face the consequences of mak-

## INDIA GOLD PICKS

- *About Love* directed by Archana Atul Phadke
- *Bitter Chestnut (Khanaur)* directed by Gurvinder Singh
- *Bombay Rose* directed by Gitanjali Rao
- *Eeb Allay Ooo!* directed by Prateek Vats
- *Gamak Ghar* directed by Achal Mishra
- *Nimtoh (Invitation)* directed by Saurav Rai
- *Just Like That (Aise Hi)* directed by Kislay

ing her own choice by going against the societal expectations. Pushpendra Singh's *Pearl of the Desert (Maru ro Moti)* highlights class conflicts through the aspirations of a Manganiyar musician.

The festival will showcase Marathi, Pahari, Mithili, Assamese, Nepali, Hindustani, and Bengali movies under this section. This year also marks the return of MAMI veterans. Bhaskar Hazarika, whose film *The River of Fables (Kothanodi)* was screened at the festival in 2015, is back with *Ravening (Aamis)*. So is Singh whose National Award-winning *Chauthi Koot* was screened at the festival. Archana Atul Phadke's Marathi documentary, *About Love*, will premiere along with Prateek Vats' *Eeb Allay Ooo!* His *A Very Old Man With Enormous Wings* had premiered at Jio MAMI Mumbai Film Festival with Star, 2017.

Speaking about the line-up, Smriti Kiran, artistic director, MAMI, said: "India Gold is at the heart of our selection. We are an international film festival but bringing the best Indian narratives to the world and to India is at the core of our mission." The film festival, which opens on October 17 with *Mothoon* by Geetu Mohandas, goes on till October 24.

## This Is Not A Movie. Or is it?

A slew of films showcased at the festival explore the times we live in



## EXPRESS AT TIFF 2019

## SHUBHRA GUPTA

AND JUST like that, six days are over, and it is my last day at TIFF. The head is abuzz, everything is a blur, and I'm doing my usual ritual of stacking up the stand-outs, the ones that didn't work all the way were rewarding nevertheless, and the ones that make everything worthwhile — the crazy travel, non-stop screening schedules, and stuffing one's face with dense carbs.

It is a truism that film critics on the festival circuit do live by bread alone. And movies. The Finnish film, *Dogs Don't Wear Pants* by Jukka-Pekka Valkeappa has to be one of the most unusual love stories I've seen in a while. A well-regarded cardiac surgeon (Pekka Strang) who has lost his wife under mysterious circumstances, has sunk into a deep, dark space, and nothing, not even his teenage daughter's petulant transgressions, can rouse him.

Quite by accident, as he accompanies his rebellious teen to a tattoo parlour, he ends up in the company of a dominatrix (Krista Kosonen). She thinks he is a client, and before he can demur, she throws the entire kitchen-sink at him — whips, chains, leather, metal, and he discovers something about himself: pain



A still from Yung Chang's *This Is Not A Movie*

can bring him alive again.

In a world awash with hardcore porn, a film which deals with BDSM and so-called aberrant sexual appetites, runs the risk of tawdriness. But *Dogs Don't Wear Pants* is more interested in using pain and humiliation as a means to explore the innards of the human psyche: what does it take a man to shut down so completely that he forgets to feel, and what is it that will help him turn the corner?

There is plenty here to make the faint-hearted or the squeamish extremely uncomfortable, especially a little set-piece involving a sharp object and a tooth, as well as a dog's collar. But for those who persevere, the film reveals its hand slowly but surely, and shows just how two individuals can come together even in the most challenging circumstances. And leaves you wondering: are those who cause pain hurting themselves? And does pain

really purify and heal?

Veteran Hong Kong filmmaker Yonfan's animation feature *No 7 Cherry Lane*, which won much applause at the just concluded Venice film festival before fetching up at TIFF, is so stunning to look at that you can spend hours drinking it in. Each frame is a thing of beauty, whether it is the interiors of a house where a handsome young fellow begins tutoring a pretty girl (they read *Jane Eyre* together; he is a Proust fan), whose mother is a beautiful, sensuous older woman and exerts a powerful hold on the young man.

Other characters float in and out of this ensemble, men, women and animals, all engaged in, at one level, day-to-day living, and on another, making strong political, psychosexual comments about the times they are going through. The film is set in 1967, and is drenched in nostalgia. The looking-back at an

era gone by, by a 72-year-old filmmaker carries special weight, and though *No 7 Cherry Lane* is often a bit all over the place, there is no doubt that we are in the presence of a major filmmaker, giving us the sights and sounds — lush, drenched in desire, and a couple of blow-your-socks-off sequences of carnal pleasure — which are stayers.

How do foreign correspondents, the ones who sign up for the wandering life — of mendicant, observer, reporter all rolled into one — see themselves? And equally importantly, how do others, especially in a media environment with shrinking resources, do the same thing?

The National Film Board of Canada's documentary slate at TIFF is topped by *This Is Not A Movie* by Yung Chang, in which the British-born Robert Fisk, who reported for *The Times*, London, and then moved on to *The Independent* is shown talking about his life and times. And what a life — more than 40 years spent on the frontlines of some of the most troubled spots in the world, from Northern Ireland to the Middle-East and Syria.

The film opens with Fisk walking down a rubble-strewn town in Syria, and it cuts back and forth in time, swooping back to when he was a young, upcoming reporter telling the stately *The Times* what was what, and then later, keeps him company as he is shown struggling to make sense of a world gone to hell in a handbasket, and moved to the intangible-yet-permanent internet.

It's not just journalists, especially print warhorses, who will enjoy this account, but also the others who have no idea what it takes to be a newsperson who has dedicated his or her life to the reporting of truth as they see it, and the courage and conviction it takes to tell those stories that no one wants to hear. Conflict goes on forever, doesn't it?

And now, I'm tearing off to join the long lines for Taika Waititi's much-anticipated *Jojo Rabbit*. Have a good feeling about it, and as I'm doing so, I'm thinking of John Updike's classic novel, *Run Rabbit Run*. That's who we are, us film critics on foreign shores, always on the run.

## BRIEFLY

## Squad for SA Tests to be picked today

**New Delhi:** Opener KL Rahul's poor show with the bat may pave the way for Rohit Sharma's return to the Indian Test set-up when the selectors meet here on Thursday to decide the squad for the two-match series against South Africa next month. Rohit, who couldn't make the cut in the playing XI against the West Indies, is expected to be tried out as an opener after Hanuma Vihari and Ajinkya Rahane sealed slot Nos 5 and 6 in the batting order respectively. Rohit's last Test appearance for India was in the away series against Australia in 2018. Cheteshwar Pujara, at No.3, and skipper Virat Kohli, at No.4, automatically pick themselves. The other openers in fray are Priyank Panchal of Gujarat and Shubman Gill of Punjab. Rahul has scored 664 runs in his last 30 Test innings, with his only notable score -- 149 against England at the Oval last year --, coming in a dead fifth rubber. The first Test will be begin in Visakhapatnam on October 2.

## Pant aiming for fresh start vs Proteas

**Kolkata:** Indian wicketkeeper-batsman Rishabh Pant on Wednesday said he is eyeing a fresh start with the upcoming T20 and Test series against South Africa after drawing criticism for a below-par show in the tour of West Indies last month. "I have practiced hard for the South Africa series, and I am going in the series with a positive mindset. I will try my best to get a good start," said Pant. The Delhi youngster was criticised for not making his chances count in the limited-overs and Test tour of the West Indies. "It went great for our team. It's great to return on a clean slate. But once a team returns, the last series is past. Of course it's our home series and there will be advantage for us but the most important thing is to start well."

## India A close in on big win despite weather

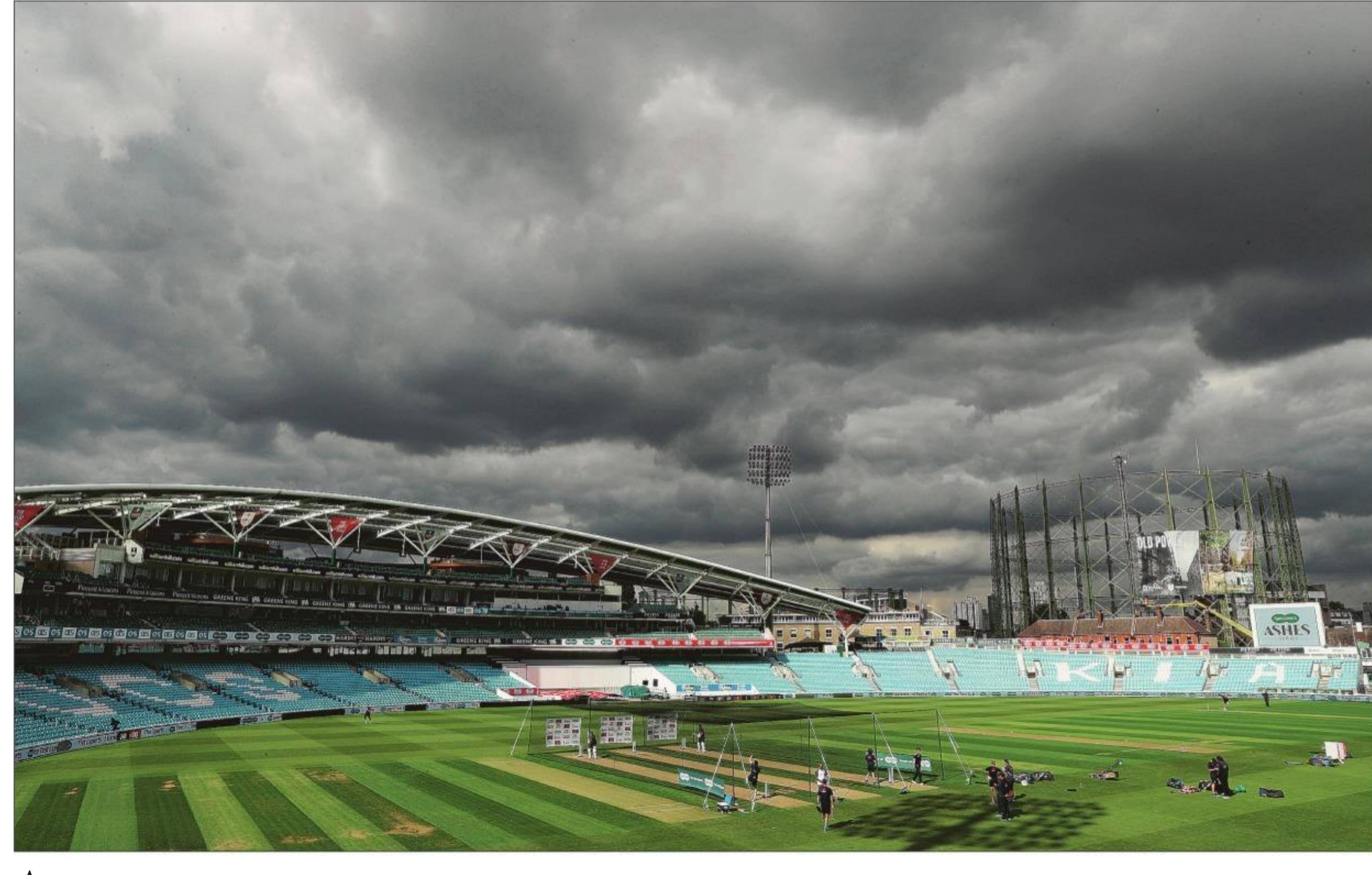
**Thiruvananthapuram:** India A edged closer to a resounding victory over South Africa A in the first unofficial Test despite a rain-hit day three in which only 20 overs could be bowled. India captured four wickets to reduce South Africa A to 179 for 9, who go into day four with a paltry lead of 40 runs in the second innings. Majority of overs were lost at the Greenfield stadium due to overnight rain and a wet outfield. India A had made 303 in reply to SA A's first innings score of 164. The hosts made most of the play possible as spinners Shahbaz Nadeem (3 for 17) and Jalaj Saxena (2 for 22) came to the party. The overnight batsmen Heinrich Klaasen (35 batting) and Wiaan Mulder (12 batting) went on the attack and SA A managed to overturn the deficit.

**BRIEFScores:** South Africa A 164 all out in 51.5 overs and 179 for 9 in 55 overs (Zubayr Hamza 44, Heinrich Klaasen 48; Wiaan Mulder 46, S Nadeem 3/17, Jalaj Saxena 2/22) vs India A 303 all out in 87.5 overs (Shubman Gill 90, Lungi Ngidi 3/50).

## 'Don't give a toss about criticism'

**London:** Former England opener Geoffrey Boycott has said he doesn't "give a toss" about the criticism his knighthood has generated. Boycott was severely criticised by UK's senior female MP Harriet Harman, who asked for a review of the "baffling decision to honour a man who was convicted in a French court in 1998 for assaulting his then-girlfriend, Margaret Moore." "It was 25 years ago. You can take your political nature and do whatever you want with it. You want to talk to me about my knighthood, it's very nice of you to have me, but I couldn't give a toss," he said.

AGENCIES



## A SHADOW OVER A GLORIOUS SUMMER

England's unforgettable home season began three months ago at The Oval with a victory over South Africa in the World Cup opener. The victorious World Cup campaign gave way to the Ashes disappointment, but the home team will look to sign off on a high when they take on the Aussies in the final Test of the series beginning here on Thursday. *Reuters*

## At Oval, England look to square series

While Aussies have retained the urn, there are still 24 Test Championship points up for grabs in final Test

**REUTERS**  
LONDON, SEPTEMBER 11

ENGLAND HAVE dropped batsman Jason Roy for the fifth and final Test against Australia starting at The Oval on Thursday as they try to level the series after failing to claim the Ashes.

The out-of-form Roy is one of two changes to the side that lost the fourth test at Old Trafford on Sunday by 185 runs, with bowler Craig Overton also missing out. They are replaced by all rounder Sam Curran and Chris Woakes. Ben Stokes will play as a batsman only after injuring his shoulder at Old Trafford.

Australia, who retained the Ashes by taking a 2-1 series lead in Manchester, make one change with all-rounder Mitchell Marsh coming in to bolster the bowling attack. He replaces Travis Head. Roy's omission is no great surprise as he has struggled throughout the series having made his Test debut in the warm-up match against Ireland.

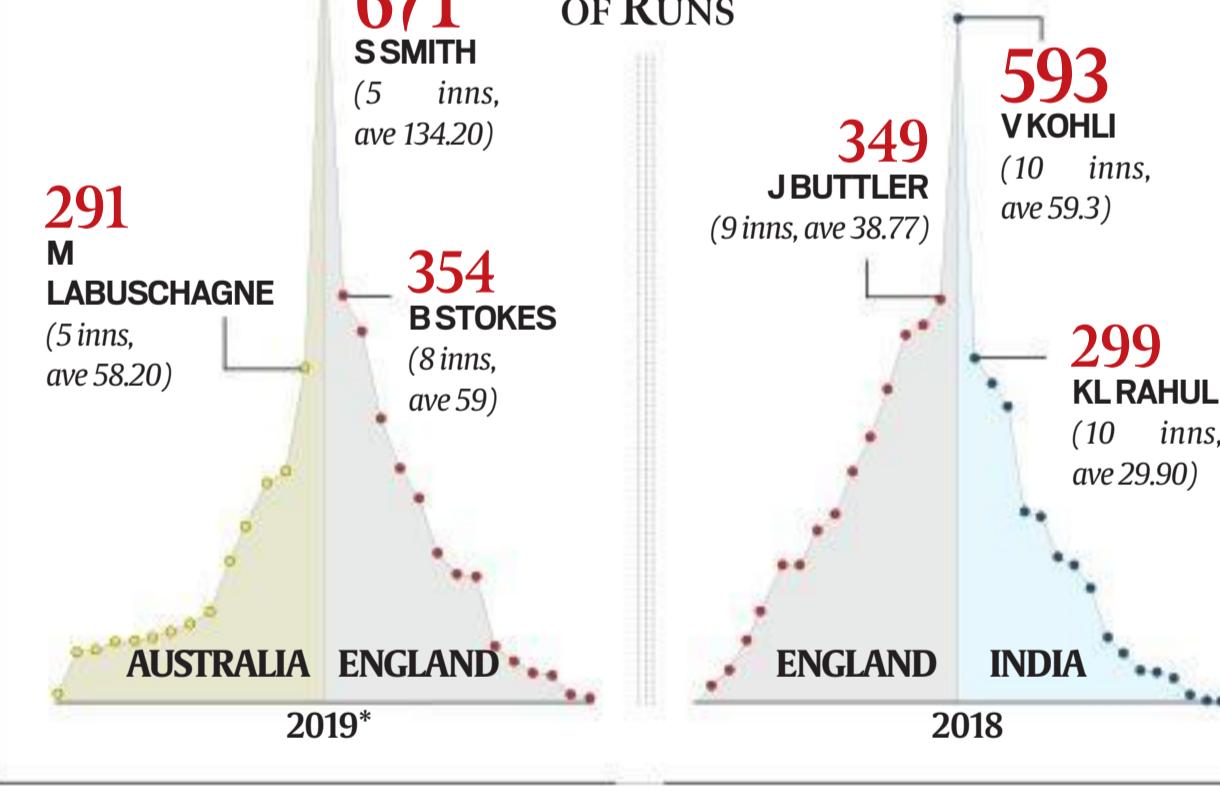
The one-day specialist was the latest attempt to solve England's opening woes but the gamble has not paid off and he has managed only 110 runs in eight innings with a top score of 31 at Old Trafford when he dropped down the order. England are trying to avoid a home series defeat by Australia for the first time since 2001.

"It has not quite gone the way he would have liked but I'm sure he will go away and work hard and come back again. I'm sure he'll have that attitude and try and prove a point," England captain Joe Root told a news conference on Wednesday. Root's captaincy, and his form, has come under the spotlight but he sounded an upbeat tone as he looked forward to trying to level the series.

"There is plenty to play for and the guys

## Twin Peaks

Over successive English seasons, two batsmen of the highest class have showcased the gap between them and others in the respective series



are determined to make sure we finish the season 2-2," he said. "We have not lost anything yet. Of course, we are disappointed not to win the Ashes back but we are fully focused to finish the series 2-2. I know what direction I want to take this team forward. I want to win this game, use this game as a stepping stone and move forward as a group."

Root has made three ducks in the series and averages 30 but played down suggestions his batting had suffered because of being captain.

"It's been a tough year for batting, tough

on both sides," he said. "I've not performed how I would have liked but that's part and parcel of Test cricket."

Despite retaining the Ashes, Australia skipper Tim Paine described the Oval Test as a grand final.

"We are very hungry, we have already spoken a lot about it," he told reporters on Wednesday. "We came here to win the Ashes not just retain them. As a group last week's result was brilliant and we played very well but the guys are aware this match is bigger than that one, this is our grand final."

Explaining the selection of Marsh, he

said: "Bringing in Marsh will ease a little bit of the workload on the bowlers at the end of a long series. It was a tough call on Travis Head who has had a great start to his Test career."

## Paine wants to continue

Paine also said he had no plans to hand over the reins despite Steve Smith's glorious Ashes and calls from some fans and pundits for his restoration to the Australia captaincy.

Smith is banned from leadership roles until March because of his involvement in a Cape Town ball-tampering scandal last year but he is tipped by some former players and leading cricket writers to regain the captaincy from wicketkeeper Paine after his bathtime heroics in England.

"I'm enjoying what I'm doing and whilst I can continue to contribute in some way I'll continue to do it," he told Australian media. "I constantly talk to (coach) Justin Langer and (selector) Trevor Hohns about what might happen or how long I might go for, but I think we're all comfortable and we're all on the same page so it's all good."

The 34-year-old suffered a string of finger injuries that interrupted his Test career for seven years and has limited him to 25 Tests to date. "I did miss a lot in, I suppose, the prime years of my cricket career," Paine said. "The positive of that now is that physically I'm in really good condition for my age, and I feel really good after test matches physically. Mentally, it's a different story but it only takes a day to recover from that. While I keep enjoying it, I'll keep doing it."

One of the perks of being an Ashes-winning captain is having friends in high places, and Paine said he now had a direct line to Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison. "I'm going to save it and I might ring him if we win this one," Paine joked ahead.

## Sri Lanka 'reassessing' Pakistan tour after security threat

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THE SRI Lankan cricket association (SLC) said on Wednesday it was reassessing the security situation in Pakistan after receiving a warning "of a possible terrorist threat" to its team. Sri Lanka is scheduled to play three one-day internationals and three Twenty20 international matches in Pakistan between September 27 and October 9, and 10 key Lankan players have already opted out of the series citing security concerns. SLC, which named weakened ODI and T20I squads for the tour earlier on Wednesday, said in a statement that it had received the warning from the Prime Minister's Office.

Sri Lanka Cricket today sought the assistance of the Sri Lankan Government to conduct a 'Reassessment' of the security situation in Pakistan ahead of the National Team's planned tour to Pakistan," SLC said. "The warning highlights that the Prime Minister's Office has received reliable information of a possible terrorist threat on the Sri Lankan team while touring Pakistan. Hence, SLC has been advised to take extreme care, and 'reassess' the situation, before embarking on the said tour."

Sri Lanka named Lahiru Thirimanne and Dasun Shanaka its ODI and T20I captains for the tour after incumbents Dimuth Karunaratne and Lasith Malinga decided not to travel. The other players who chose not to play were Angelo Mathews, Niroshan Dickwella, Kusal Perera, Dhananjaya De Silva, Thisara Perera, Akila Dhanganaya, Suranga Lakmal and Dinesh Chandimal. Kusal Mendis was unavailable for selection due to an injury.

Pakistan are looking to host their first test on home soil -- as part of the World Test Championship in December -- since a 2009 militant attack on Sri Lanka's team bus in Lahore left six security personnel and two civilians dead while six players were injured. Pakistan did not host international cricket for six years following the 2009 attack, with the team playing their home matches in the United Arab Emirates, but have hosted teams such as Zimbabwe and West Indies in recent years.

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## New-look South Africa relying on de Kock, Miller's IPL experience, says van der Dussen

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VICE-CAPTAIN Rassie van der Dussen said on Wednesday that the South African team will be relying a lot on IPL regulars Quinton de Kock and David Miller to put up a competitive performance against India in the T20 series beginning here on Sunday. De Kock will captain the team in the absence of Faf du Plessis, who will be in India for the Test series.

Van der Dussen, who impressed in the 50-over World Cup in an otherwise forgotten tournament for the Proteas, has been elevated to vice-captaincy less than a year after he made his international debut.

"Quinton and David have played a lot of cricket in India. We will look to feed off them and ask them a lot of questions about the conditions, the kind of bowlers we would be

facing so we can quickly adapt against a strong side like India," van der Dussen said in a media interaction here.

"We've had two tough training sessions since we have been here and two more are coming up. It has been pretty hot and humid, like Durban. It is definitely an advantage that we came here a week before the first game."

Van der Dussen feels captaincy will only make de Kock a better player. "Quinton is one of those guys who leads by example. He doesn't say a lot but when he speaks he says really valuable things. He has won a lot of games for South Africa and everyone respects him for that. I am sure the captaincy band around his arm will bring more out of him."

India hammered South Africa at home in the Test series played four years ago but lost the T20 and ODI series. One of the T20s was at the scenic HPCA Stadium here and South Africa won the game by seven wickets.

"We have had a look at the conditions. Proteas beat India by seven wickets the last time here. It will be a good wicket to bat on. The boundaries are 65 metres all around, they are not really big. We know what India are going to throw at us and we will prepare accordingly," said the 30-year-old from Pretoria.

South Africa have regrouped for the first time since the disappointing World Cup campaign. "It is a fresh start, we have a new coaching staff. We have spoken a lot about in the last few days how we want to be as a team. We have got a few new faces so it always brings the energy up. India are one of the strongest teams in the world, especially in home conditions. They have played some cricket recently against the West Indies. It gives us the advantage of looking at the players and what they are likely to do. We have been off for a while as a team and guys are fresh and raring to go."



South Africa captain Quinton de Kock attends a practice session in Dharamshala on Wednesday. India play South Africa in the first T20I of a three-match series here on Sunday. AP

# Footballers face grave threat from London gangs: Arsenal

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TALKS HAVE taken place at Arsenal about the threat posed by gangs targeting footballers after Mesut Ozil and Sead Kolasinac had to fight off knife-wielding men, according to academy head Per Mertesacker.

In an apparent attempted carjacking caught on camera in July, Kolasinac jumped out of a vehicle to confront masked aggressors, who had pulled alongside the vehicle on mopeds. A separate incident led to two men being charged with a public order offense outside Ozil's house in north London.

"There was a big discussion around gangs in London and the security matters," Mertesacker told The Associated Press. "The major part of what car you drive, what you wear in terms of your jewelry. So you need to be risk-aware in those days that anything can happen at any time. And these are examples you are trying to avoid."

Concerns about their safety led to Ozil and Kolasinac missing games.

"Once these things happen," Mertesacker said, "it is an eye opener to where the world is in terms of poverty around London and how can we make sure that it is not going to happen again."

Especially as Mertesacker, the Arsenal captain before assuming the academy role two years ago, does not want players to become even more distant from fans. "When these things happen, the more fences, the more security guys and the more gates will eventually happen," Mertesacker said. "And that would be very, very sad."

In an interview promoting the launch of his autobiography "Big Friendly German," Mertesacker also addressed Arsenal's quest to return to the Champions League as the team prepares for the third consecutive campaign in the Europa League.

"That is our target this season, there is no doubt about it," Mertesacker said. "If you speak in timeframes - two or three years, that is (Arsenal) competing for the Premier League title."

That has not been achieved since 2004 and Unai Emery's second season in charge has opened with Arsenal collecting seven points out of a possible 12.

"I think we have a lack of balance right now," Mertesacker said. "Where you feel like, OK we have amazing strikers but that as well need to understand that we need to have a certain compactness. So it's not only about us three (lead) strikers providing an offensive threat. It is about these front three as well, leading the first frontline as being a defensive unit. So I think we need to be cautious of that. No matter how much striking power you have got, you need to have a sense of defensive compactness from everyone. So it's not only the back four who should be judged on how many goals we concede."

Although inevitably there will be focus on David Luiz's contribution. The summer central defensive recruit from Chelsea has had an uneasy start to his Arsenal career, accepting blame for goals being conceded. "I think he will learn from his mistakes on the pitch, but he is very comfortable being at Arsenal," Mertesacker said. "That's what I have been seeing."

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PER MERTESACKER  
ARSENAL ACADEMY HEAD

Gurpreet Singh Sandhu's goalkeeping against Qatar kept India afloat against the Asian champions in the World Cup qualifier

MIHIR VASAVDA  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 11

GURPREET SINGH Sandhu laughs out loud. "If my hands start paining just by making saves, then I should die in *chullu bhar paani* (shame)," he says, the morning after he became only the fourth goalkeeper this year to stop a flashy, scoring-goals-for-fun Qatar side from finding the back of the net, and leading India to a goalless draw at the home of the Asian champions in their 2022 World Cup qualifier.

Qatar, the hosts of the 2022 World Cup, have been operating at a different level in 2019. They put six past North Korea and Afghanistan, four against a formidable UAE and three against Asian giants Japan. Against India, they had 27 shots at goal; 11 on target.

Captain Hassan Al Haydos tried six times - cutting in from wide positions on the left, aiming for the corners. Almoez Ali, the Sudanese-origin forward who is among Asia's best, had a couple of stabs from close range. Abdelkarim Hassan unleashed a missile from roughly 30 yards out. And Portugal-born Qatari international Ro-ro aimed at the bottom left corner from the same distance.

The Asian champions had a go from all angles. But the 27-year-old custodian had them all covered - and on the rare occasions he was beaten, either the goalpost came to his rescue or the strikers were sloppy.

For Sandhu, the pre-match intel came handy. He had studied exactly how, and where, the Qatari strikers prefer to shoot. "And then, you just have to stay ready. Stay on the feet and react," he says. "It was a tough game."

Sandhu's tone understates just how tough it was. India kept a compact shape defensively - which forced Qatar to attack from wider areas - and crowded the box, leaving very little space for the strikers to try anything from inside the penalty area. That forced Qatar to take most of their shots either from sharp, wide angles or outside the box. And Sandhu, who is often accused of conceding soft goals, rarely lets anything in from long range.

When on the back foot against a quality opponent like this, India have often shown a tendency to lose focus and break down towards the later stages of a match - the 2019 Asian Cup group stage game against Bahrain, which followed a similar pattern where India conceded a late penalty to lose the match is an example.

However, to their credit, the players maintained the same intensity throughout, with the defence synchronising perfectly to catch the Qatari forwards offside every time they tried to



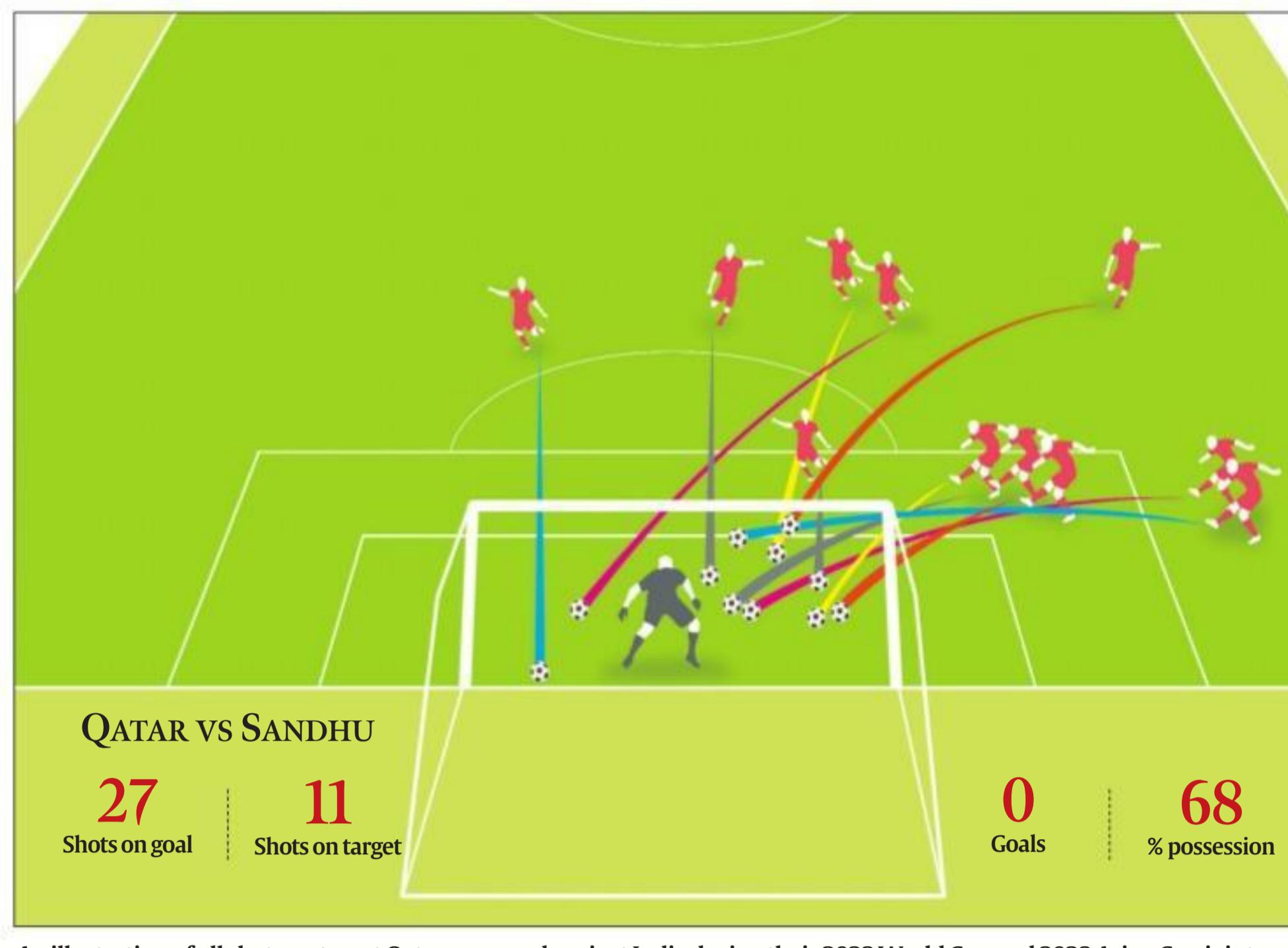
slip past them. To do that for 90 minutes without losing concentration was refreshing, especially since Qatari were relentless.

The home side had a shot at goal almost every three minutes, but the fact that they spent almost every second of the match around India's goal meant there was no time for Sandhu to rest. "I don't think they missed open goals. The ones that they missed were all off-sides. So credit where due, our defence held that line and making sure it was difficult for them to score," Sandhu says.

## The wall

For Sandhu, being in a situation like this isn't new. There are at least three matches for his club Bengaluru FC where he's faced such bombardment. Against North Korean club 4.25 in the AFC Cup match in Pyongyang, where he - once again - was single-handedly responsible for his team not losing. And then on a pre-season tour to Spain, where Bengaluru played Barcelona 'B' and Villarreal 'B' last year - the two matches he picks that taught him to perform under such pressure.

Against Barcelona 'B', Sandhu repeatedly kept out young striker Carles Perez in the first half before he scored a brace in the second.



An illustration of all shots on target Qatar managed against India during their 2022 World Cup and 2023 Asian Cup joint qualifier on Tuesday. India's compact shape forced Qatar to wider areas of the pitch, while the strategy to crowd the box meant they had to take most of their shots from outside the penalty area. Illustration: Suvajit Dey

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Perez has featured in each of Barcelona's games this season and scored his first for the Spanish champions in the 5-2 win over Real Betis just before the international break. "Those two matches helped me learn how to deal with it and how to be in a game like this when you are on the back foot all the time," Sandhu says.

That a goalkeeper should be called into action so frequently, though, raises questions over the team's inferiority in the outfield. It's

a trait common to Indian teams across age-groups - even at the under-17 World Cup, India's standout player was a goalkeeper, Dhiraj Moirangthem.

It's a trend that's likely to continue until the country develops midfielders with technical ability and knowledge to control play against teams superior to them.

For that reason - the gulf in class - the unlikely point India got against Qatar was celebrated by the team as if it was a win. It, in fact, is India's best result in a competitive international match since beating UAE in Bangalore in 2001.

After getting spanked by Asia's elite for more than a decade, the team has dished out two eye-catching performances - in the space of five days. The challenge now for the team will be to ensure they do not drop points against Bangladesh and Afghanistan, else all the hard work of Tuesday will mean nothing. "Imagine if we had a win in the bag leaving India and coming here and getting a point. It would've been ideal," Sandhu says. "First two games: one where we could've done better and the other one where everyone expected us to do well... things just go their own way in football."

## 'More than happy to get a point'

**Doha:** He is "more than happy" with the solitary point that the Indian football team snatched by drawing against Asian champion Qatar but coach Igor Stimac says he has told the players to stay grounded as they can't afford complacency during FIFA World Cup Qualifiers. "As a coach, I don't have time to waste in thinking too much higher than it was a few days ago when we lost to Oman. Still today as a coach, of course, I am more than happy to get a point against the reigning champions of Asia," Stimac said at the post-match press conference here. "We need to improve in certain areas, on the other hand, all congratulations not just to my players but also for Qatar. There was excitement in front of both goals, of course. It was a great experience for us." PTI

# It is always a big challenge playing Carlsen: Anand

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WITH JUST two spots up for grabs, Indian chess wizard Viswanathan Anand on Wednesday said he is confident of sealing his berth in the 2019 Grand Chess Tour Finals to be held in London from November 30 to December 10. The GCT Finals will be held during the London Chess Classic in London and Anand wants to brighten his prospects with yet another perfect finish in the Tata Steel Rapid and Blitz tournament to be held here from November 22 to 26.

Anand, who finished a disappointing tied third in the Sinquefield Cup last month, needs 13 points from the remaining two legs in Bucharest (November 6-10) and Kolkata to seal a spot in the GCT Finals which carries a prize purse of USD 350,000. "Definitely it's (securing a place in GCT Finals) gettable, but it is still very unpredictable. (Levon) Aronian, me and (Wesley) So all have the same tournaments



left. So all of us are fighting for the same 13 points," the five-time former world champion told PTI in an interview from Chennai.

"On top of that, there are other guys, who in the event of a crumble, can get close enough. So, I think 6-7 players are fighting for the last two spots. Hopefully, it will go well for me," he added.

Kolkata has been a happy hunting ground

"No, at the moment, I haven't thought about it. I will see how it goes. I don't think about it a lot."

VISWANATHAN ANAND  
ON RETIREMENT PLANS

for Anand. From playing his first GM tournament here in 1986 to winning the Tata Steel Blitz title last year, Kolkata holds a special place in the chess wizard's heart. "My performance in the Blitz tournament (last year) was great and that made it extra special. Kolkata has been very special to me and the sport fans are really passionate," he said.

The venue for this year's Tata Steel Rapid and Blitz event is the prestigious National Library, which will host a chess tournament for the first time. "I think the atmosphere there would be electric. National Library as the venue sounds amazing. I'm looking forward to see the final arrangement there. I'm sure they will do a good job. And, obviously

I hope to do well," Anand said.

The competition in Kolkata will see Anand face world champion Magnus Carlsen for the first time in India since his 2013 World Championship defeat in Chennai.

"I have played him (Carlsen) many times in between. I don't think that matters too much either because there would be other players as well. Then I was playing him exclusively. Now there will be 10 participants," said Anand about his upcoming duel with the Norwegian.

"But of course it's always a big challenge playing him. His performance this year has been very good. Generally he starts as a favourite everywhere. But you just play your best and see what's up to. Ding (Liren) has been very impressive too," he added.

Anand won one match and drew 10 at the classical leg of the GCT in the Sinquefield Cup in St Louis. The Indian, however, failed to convert some positional advantages there, especially against GM Ding Liren.

But Anand now wants to shift his focus on

the FIDE Chess.com Grand Swiss in the Isle of Man from October 8 to 22, where the winner will qualify for the 2020 Candidates Tournament. Anand pulled out of the ongoing World Cup in Khanty-Mansiysk and is currently enjoying a break with his family at his home in Chennai. "I had a chance to rest, otherwise I would already have started playing (in World Cup). I thought that I might be tired so I took the decision to skip this one," he said.

On his preparation for the Isle of Man event, which is expected to be the strongest Swiss-system tournament, Anand said: "It's still a while way but I am getting ready for it. There are too many variables. I don't know whom I'll be paired with and with what colours. So you just have to go, be ready to take your chances and see what happens. You can't plan and switch on."

Anand, who will turn 50 on December 11, also ruled out retirement plans anytime soon. "No, at the moment, I haven't thought about it. I will see how it goes. I don't think about it a lot," he concluded.

## Ghosh wins two shooting titles at trials

Mehuli Ghosh won both the senior and junior women's 10m air rifle title for the second day in a row at the National Shooting Trials (T7) in New Delhi on Wednesday. Mehuli had won the same two events at the Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range on Tuesday in the sixth trial as well. The diminutive teenager, who has seven international medals to her name over the last two years, clinched the title in a quality field comprising the world's top three shooters to win the senior final with a score of 251.9. She then went on to win the junior final with a score of 252.7, just 0.2 off teammate and world number one Apurvi Chandela's finals world record score of 252.9.

## Devi, Tamanna enter semifinals

Manipur' Ambeshori Devi (57kg) and Haryana's Tamanna (48kg) entered the semifinals to be assured of medals at the 3rd Junior Women's National Boxing Championships in Rohtak. Both Tamanna and Ambeshori Devi had won medals at the Black Forest Cup in June and they continued their fine form in the domestic circuit as well. Ambeshori completely dominated her quarter-final bout against Mizoram's Naom Chingsannuam en route to her 5-0 win while Tamanna prevailed over Delhi's Anjali by an identical scoreline.



India topped the medal tally with 10 gold, 8 silver and 7 bronze medals.

## Mary Kom, Praneeth in Tops list

Boxer Mary Kom, young shooter Yashaswini Singh Deswal and shuttler Sai Praneeth were among 12 top sportspersons who were included in the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) of the government. The 6-time world champion Mary Kom was among 10 boxers who were brought into the TOPS scheme for 2020 Olympics by the Sports Authority of India's Mission Olympic Cell which met in New Delhi. Amit Panghal (men's 52 kg), Sonia Chahal (women's 57 kg), Neeraj (women's 57 kg), Nikhat Zareen (women's 51 kg), Kavinder Singh Bisht (men's 57 kg), Lovlina Borgohain (women's 69 kg), Vikas Krishan (men's 75 kg), Shiva Thapa (men's 63 kg) and Manish Kaushik (men's 63 kg) were the other nine boxers included in the TOPS list.

## Valencia sack coach Marcelino

Marcelino has been sacked as Valencia coach after an indifferent start to the season, the Spanish La Liga club said. The 54-year-old, who won the Copa del Rey and secured Champions League football last season, leaves after two campaigns at the helm. "Valencia told Marcelino Garcia Toral that he is no longer first team coach," a club statement said. "The club would like to thank him for his work and dedication during his time at our entity and wish him success for the future." The departure had been mooted in what turned out to be a tumultuous pre-season for the club, with local media reporting the coach was not happy with owner Peter Lim over transfer policy.

## Fifa inspects cities for U-17 Women WC

FIFA, the world governing body for football, has inspected five cities which are likely to host matches of the U-17 Women's World Cup, to be held in India next year. In March, FIFA President Gianni Infantino had announced that India would host the U-17 Women's World Cup in 2020. "As of now we have visited and inspected five host cities that include Kolkata, Bhuvaneshwar, Ahmedabad, Goa and Navi Mumbai. These were the cities that we had inspected (however) there is a lot of interest from other cities as well," tournament director Roma Khanna told reporters in Mumbai.



## Mladenovic beats Garcia at Zhengzhou

Kristina Mladenovic won an all-French battle against eighth seed Caroline Garcia 7-5 6-2 to reach the quarter-finals at the inaugural Zhengzhou Open on a rain-interrupted Wednesday. Mladenovic, the world number 49, kept things tight against Garcia, who is ranked 18 places higher, winning 71% of her first serve points and hitting 17 winners. Garcia struck two more winners than her opponent but also made 33 unforced errors to Mladenovic's 19 as she slumped to her second defeat of the year against her compatriot. "It was an extremely difficult day for everybody," Mladenovic said in an on-court interview, after rain delayed play for three hours during the day session. "I'm very pleased with my performance tonight."



Luis Abram's (left) 85th-minute header gave Peru a rare win over Brazil. AP

## Peru shock Brazil, ending 17-match unbeaten run

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LUIS ABRAM scored his first international goal on a header in the 85th minute, and Peru ended Brazil's 17-game unbeaten streak since last year's World Cup with a 1-0 victory on Tuesday night.

Peru shockingly pulled out only its second win over Brazil in 21 matches after Abram slipped into the box and nodded home Yoshimar Yotún's free kick.

Abram is a 23-year-old defender who plays professionally in Argentina for mid-table Velez Sarsfield, but he managed to outscore a star-studded Brazilian line-up including Bayern Munich's Philippe Coutinho, Liverpool's Roberto Firmino and second-half substitutes Neymar, Vinicius and Fabiño.

Peru beat Brazil for only the fifth time in the nations' 47 meetings. The game also was a rematch of the Copa America final, won 3-1 by Brazil on July 1.

Neymar came on in the 63rd minute along with Liverpool's Fabiño, and Real Madrid's Vinicius joined them in the 74th minute. The stars made a late push, but couldn't level the match in front of a lively crowd of 32,287 at the venerable Coliseum in Los Angeles. Neymar scored a goal and assisted on another during Brazil's 2-2 draw with Colombia in Miami last Friday, but he was on coach Tite's bench to start in Los Angeles.

He was unable to score his 62nd international goal, which will match Ronaldo's career total for the Selecao. Neymar's tumultuous summer ended with the superstar still at Paris St. Germain despite extensive negotiations to return to Barcelona. Although PSG took disciplinary action against him for missing training in July, he is expected to return after the international break.

Both teams had chances to score in the opening half, but couldn't convert. Brazil also had a scary moment when Casemiro jumped above David Neres for a header, and the teammates came down holding their heads from the collision. Casemiro returned with a bandage on his head.

### Martinez scores hat-trick

Lautaro Martinez netted a hat-trick in just 40 minutes as Argentina blitzed Mexico 4-0 in a friendly in San Antonio on Tuesday.

The Internazionale striker took advantage of shocking defending to fire three angled shots past Mexico goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa in the 17th, 22nd and 39th minutes. Leandro Paredes scored from the penalty spot in the 33rd minute. Argentina dropped the pace in the second period but still faced little resistance from an untidy Mexico who did not manage a shot on target throughout the game.

REUTERS  
VILNIUS, SEPTEMBER 11

PORUGAL CAPTAIN Cristiano Ronaldo took his international tally to 93 goals when he scored four times to give the European champions a 5-1 win away to Lithuania in their Euro 2020 qualifier on Tuesday. Playing in his 161st international, the 34-year-old notched his eighth hat-trick for his country and the 54th of his remarkable career to help Portugal through what had threatened to turn into a frustrating evening.

Unheralded midfielder William Carvalho completed the rout in stoppage time as Portugal stayed second in Group B with eight points, five behind leaders Ukraine with one game in hand. Serbia are a further point behind in third after a 3-1 win in Luxembourg. "I scored one goal against Serbia and four today and what I want most is to continue like this," said Ronaldo, who converted an early penalty and then added three second-half goals.

Portugal coach Fernando Santos said: "Ronaldo is the best player in the world, this is clear and unmistakable proof". Lithuania, bottom with one point, missed an early chance when Vytautas Slivka fired over from close range and they quickly paid the price when Markus Palionis handled a Joao Felix cross and Ronaldo put away the spot kick in the fifth minute.

Lithuania goalkeeper Ernestas Setkus made an excellent save to prevent Edvinas Girdvainis turning the ball into his own net but Vytautas Andriuskevicius then grabbed a surprise equaliser, rising above his marker to head home from a corner in the 28th.

Ronaldo set up good chances for Felix and Bernardo Silva, which were wasted, after the break before taking matters into his own hands. Just as Portugal were beginning to show signs of frustration, Ronaldo produced a low shot which bobbed twice in front of Setkus in the 62nd minute. The Lithuania goalkeeper got his hand to it, but it hit his head and bounced into the net.

Three minutes later, Ronaldo was left free in the area to sweep home Bernardo Silva's cross and Silva also provided the pass for Ronaldo to sidefoot his fourth 11 minutes later. Carvalho's goal, his fourth in 60 games, was a fitting reward for a player who keeps the Portugal midfield ticking over without getting much attention.

### Scare for England

England's march towards the Euro 2020 finals continued but not quite in the manner they might have expected as they beat a brave and enterprising Kosovo side 5-3 in an extraordinary Group A qualifier at St Mary's Stadium on Tuesday. Valon Berisha gave 120th-ranked Kosovo the lead after 35 seconds but England hit back seven minutes later through Raheem Sterling's header and the rampant hosts led 5-1 at the interval with a double for teenager Jadon Sancho.

Kosovo, surprisingly second in the group just a point behind England at kickoff, were not about to depart the biggest night in their short footballing history quietly though and exposed worrying weaknesses in England's defence. Within 10 minutes of the restart they had scored twice through Berisha and a penalty by Vedat Muriqi, rattling England and leaving manager Gareth Southgate frowning.

Harry Kane, who scored England's second goal, had a penalty saved by Arijanet Muriqi and Sterling then hit the post but Kosovo were still going forward until the final whistle and Bersant Celina went close to making it 5-4. England, who conceded three at home for the first time since 2012, lead the group with a maximum 12 points having

# CR7, the goal machine

Ronaldo shells four goals past Lithuania in Euro qualifier to notch up his 12th hat-trick for his country



Belted four goals against minnows Lithuania, Cristiano Ronaldo took his goal tally for Portugal to 93. AP

scored 19 goals in the process. Kosovo dropped to third with eight points, one behind the Czech Republic who beat Montenegro 3-0 away.

Despite their defeat Kosovo, who had been on a 15-match unbeaten run, will still believe they can qualify for their first tournament finals, just four years after gaining international status from world soccer's governing body FIFA. Southgate had warned beforehand of Kosovo's threat and it took only 35 seconds to materialise, albeit from a dreadful mistake by England defender Michael Keane. Without looking, he played a casual pass across his area and the gift was accepted by Muriqi who intercepted and played in Berisha to clip a fine finish past goalkeeper Jordan Pickford.

That lit the touchpaper for a stunning opening half in which England's attacking play was devastating. The home side were level seven minutes later with Keane making up for his error by heading Ross Barkley's corner across goal for Sterling to nod a real poacher's goal – his sixth in four Euro 2020 qualifying games. So often forced to break down massed defences, England were relishing the wide open spaces left by an attack-minded Kosovo.

### Coman inspires France

France forward Kingsley Coman scored his third goal in two matches as he inspired the hosts to a 3-0 win against Andorra in their Euro 2020 Group H qualifier on Tuesday. The pacy Coman, who got a double in Saturday's 4-1 win over Albania, put

### RON-DEZVOUS!

Into his 16th year in international football, Cristiano Ronaldo just keeps getting sharper and piling on a mountain of records

**40** Ronaldo became the first player to score against 40 different countries. The four goals against Lithuania, he has now scored a hat-trick in 12 different countries: Lithuania, Portugal, Italy, Russia, Spain, Japan, Armenia, Sweden, Turkey, Northern Ireland, Netherlands and England.

**43** Under current manager Fernando Santos, who furnished him with a more central

role, he has netted 43 goals in 46 games. He is now the top scorer in European Championship qualifiers with 25 goals in 31 appearances, two more than Ireland Robbie Keane.

**16** He needs just 16 goals to surpass the all-time international record which belongs to Ali Daei, who scored 109 goals in 149 caps for Iran. At his rate of scoring, he would take only 28 games to beat the Iranian legend.

France ahead in the first half and hit the woodwork in the second with Clement Lenglet also finding the net after the break and Wissam Ben Yedder scoring in stoppage time.

The world champions stay second in the section with 15 points from six games, level with leaders Turkey who won 4-0 away to Moldova helped by a Cenk Tosun double. Third-placed Iceland slipped three points behind the pace-setters after being sunk by late goals for Albania from Odise Roshi and Sokol Cikalleshi in a 4-2 away defeat.

The Bayern Munich forward's devilish pace, inspiration and eye for goal have put him in prime position to at least become

Didier Deschamps's favourite substitute at the 16-team championship next year, should France qualify.

"I'm not going to complain that I have an extra solution," Deschamps said of Coman, who missed out on the 2018 World Cup in a year marred by injuries.

"He was already with us at Euro 2016, and he was already performing. What he's got now is an eye for goal and he showed it with Bayern and in these two games."

Coman, 23, scored one goal and set up two in three Bundesliga games this season. His three goals in a 4-1 win against Albania and the 3-0 defeat of Andorra took his France tally to four goals in 19 games.

Season starts with dust yet to settle on old one

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IT IS only 16 days since Rory McIlroy was crowned FedEx Cup champion but players are already gearing up for the new U.S. PGA Tour season with the opening event, the Greenbrier Classic, kicking off in West Virginia on Thursday.

With the calendar even more crowded thanks to the golf event at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, the Classic will be the first of 49 official FedEx Cup events, of which 11 will be played between now and late November as part of the so-called 'wraparound' season.

World number 10 Bryson DeChambeau heads the field in West Virginia, while the spotlight will also be on 2018 U.S. amateur champion Viktor Hovland as the Norwegian makes his debut as a Tour member after a series of impressive results since turning pro in June. The event will be followed by four more in the United States before the Tour crosses the Pacific for a three-event Asian swing with tournaments in South Korea, China and the new Zozo Championship in Japan, which replaces Kuala Lumpur's CIMB Classic on the calendar.

McIlroy and Tiger Woods are among a host of top names already signed up to play in Japan. The top American and International players will be active until just before Christmas due to the Dec. 15 Presidents Cup at Royal Melbourne in Australia, and after a short break the 2020 campaign will roll on at a relentless pace.

From late February through late August there is a top event pretty much every other week, with the July 30-Aug. 2 Olympic golf competition jammed in just two weeks after the British Open, and two weeks before the start of the FedEx Cup playoffs.

The new season will also mark the introduction of random testing of players' drivers to ensure they are legal. The game's international governing body, the R&A, tested drivers at the British Open in July and found Xander Schauffele's to be non-conforming, but the PGA Tour until now has not tested.

Yet to be unveiled by the Tour is a new pace-of-play policy, which is being reviewed following complaints about slow play and after a video of DeChambeau taking more than two minutes to line up a putt at a tournament in August went viral.

While world number one Brooks Koepka and number two McIlroy will have heavy schedules Woods is again expected to again carry a lighter load. He played only three non-majors since winning the Masters in April, and recent knee surgery suggests he will be just as sparing in his appearances in the new season.

### Nicklaus Barnes dies aged 74

Brian Barnes, a larger than life character who once beat Jack Nicklaus twice on the same day in the Ryder Cup, died on Monday aged 74, the European Tour announced.

Barnes, who once famously marked his ball with a beer can, was born in England but represented Scotland internationally.

Though he won nine times on the European Tour, he will forever be remembered for taking down 18-times major champion Nicklaus twice in quick succession in Ryder Cup singles. Barnes played in six consecutive Ryder Cups from 1969-79, with his crowning achievement coming in the 1975 event at Laurel Valley in Pennsylvania. The Ryder Cup back then was not the fiercely-competitive affair it is today, because the U.S. routinely dominated.



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